

## Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

**Speedwatch:** The Council is appealing to residents interested in or concerned about local speeding to come forward to be part of a new Speedwatch team. The data collected by this group through informal speed checks carried out around the village will be very helpful in establishing patterns of driving behaviour, and the team will work in conjunction with Police to help reduce speeding in Bourton. Any residents wishing to be part of a Speedwatch team are asked to contact the Parish Council office.

**Play Rangers:** After an enforced 18-month break, Play Gloucestershire's Play Rangers' activities were able to re-start at Melville Play Area on 15<sup>th</sup> September and will continue to take place every Wednesday during term time from 4pm-6pm. Play Rangers' activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration so children can leave the site at any time. These activities have been very popular in the past, and residents are reminded that activities are aimed at 7–14-year-olds. Under 7s are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or carer. Activities include den building, arts and crafts, sports and a range of playful games. Children may get wet, hot, cold and dirty so need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear -better to wear old play clothes than ruin their best! Please talk to the Play Rangers staff if your child needs additional support to enjoy Play Rangers.

**Youth Club:** Following a successful bid for funding, Council's youth club sessions led by Inspire to Aspire have expanded to include sessions for seniors. Junior sessions continue to take place each Monday evening for 8–12-year-olds (school Years 3-7) from 6.00-7.30pm at Bourton Vale Cricket Club and are now followed by senior sessions for 13–18-year-olds (Year 8 & above) from 7.30-9.00pm during term time.

**Play Equipment:** The Council's chosen supplier, Kompan, has confirmed that the installation of the newly purchased pieces of play equipment at The Naight and Melville play areas will begin on Monday 11th October. This is expected to take around four weeks, but will be weather dependant. Residents are advised that the working areas will be enclosed by Heras safety fencing and signage and the areas should not be accessed until the fencing is removed and the play equipment is open for use.

**Police:** A written report was received by Council in which the police confirmed that although overall crime rates for the area are down, residents are urged to be vigilant and report suspicious activity first-hand and not to inform others to make such calls. Information can be missed and time wasted in passing on this information. Quick responsiveness may prevent further crime. Police are also urging members of the community not to actively patrol on the report of suspicious persons or vehicles. This will put the person patrolling in danger and they do not know who they are dealing with.

**Conclusion of Audit:** The external audit of accounts for the Parish Council for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 has been completed by PKF Littlejohn. All relevant documents are available on our website are <http://www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk/community/bourton-on-the-water-parish-council-7919/accounts/> or by application to the Parish Clerk.

**The Old Chapel:** We are seeking a new commercial tenant for this lovely property on the same site as the George Moore Community Centre. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in further details.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre.

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