

## Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

### Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Countrywide site:** District Councillor Nick Maunder investigated the financial viability of Cotswold District Council purchasing the site but there were no capital reserves available which meant that this was not a viable option.

**Hotel application 22/00140/FUL at The Grafters, Slaughter Pike (Parish of Lower Slaughter):** District Cllr Richard Keeling advised that this application had been refused for a number of planning reasons, including scale, lack of business case, contrary to Local Plan policies and lack of information on highway safety.

**Removal of Len Hill Memorial, St Lawrence Churchyard:** The work in the churchyard is ongoing as the contractor has highlighted additional work that is required to the wall. Quotes are being sought.

**Accessibility Audit:** The Audit was completed last October and the resulting Action List highlighted many items relating to Highways which are being passed to Gloucestershire County Council for consideration. Other items included on the Action List are under discussion by the various committees.

**Play Rangers sessions:** The Council has agreed to continue funding the term time sessions despite rising costs from the provider. The sessions run from 4-6pm at Melville play area during term time.

Dates for May are Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. There will also be holiday sessions funded by the Thriving Communities Grant – one in May half term, four in the summer holidays and one in the October half term, dates and times to be confirmed.

**Platinum Jubilee Event:** The lighting of the beacon on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June was unfortunately advertised in last month's Browser at 7pm but will take place at 9.15pm. A Jubilee plaque will be unveiled on 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7pm in the Jubilee Orchard.

**June Council Meeting:** This will take place one week later than usual on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June to avoid the Jubilee week.

**Jubilee Orchard:** The Cubs and members of Cotswold District Council's Clean and Green Team will be enhancing the area by planting wildflowers on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**Volunteer Litter Pickers:** We are fortunate to have a large group of volunteers in the parish. Volunteer co-ordinator Sue Roberts will be contacting the group to confirm that volunteers are still available for this year and to circulate updated information documents.

**Bourton Businesses Dementia Awareness Sessions:** These are being organised for local businesses by Dementia Friendly Bourton and St John's Care Trust on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Please book by phoning Richard Brett on 07775 708834.

**Artwork Display:** The display in the Windrush Room at the George Moore Community Centre is being refreshed and showcases a range of work produced by local artists. All items are available to purchase and are available to view whenever the room is not being used by a hirer.

**Dog Mess:** A resident asked us to remind dog walkers to pick up their dog's mess, particularly in the Cemetery where there seems to be a marked increase. Please note that dog mess can be bagged and placed in any bin.

**Parish Council Staffing:** Following recent discussions on recruitment of a temporary Deputy Clerk it was agreed instead to temporarily increase the Assistant Clerk's hours for further review later in the year.

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** The Annual Meeting will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May in The George Moore Community Centre.

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