

BOURTON ON THE WATER PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
28th MARCH 2018

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Introduction and Welcome

We'd like to welcome once more all residents to the Annual Parish Meeting of the Council, and hope that you'll find the evening informative and helpful. During the year we have welcomed four new councillors Robin Daniel, Barbara Rogers Jonathon Jowitt and Stephen Senior to the council, and we expect to elect our eleventh councillor next month, bringing us up to full strength again.

As most of you know, the business of Council is delegated to various committees, who consider different issues each month, and then bring reports and recommendations to the monthly Council meetings, for discussion and approval.

- Planning
- George Moore Community Centre
- Burial and allotments. Robin Daniel
- Village Maintenance. Jonathan Jowitt
- Traffic & Footpaths. Nigel Randall
- Playing Fields. Jim Cowen
- Youth Club. Lynda Hicks
- Finance & General Purpose. Bob Hadley

Committee Chairmen will all be reporting later in detail so I will confine myself to the two major committees I Chair. Both these committees have delegated powers which speeds up the way we do business. These are Planning and the Community Centre. So let's take Planning first.

Planning

These are the issues which have occupied the minds of residents, the Parish Council and the Local Planning Authority in 2017-18.

There are seven planning issues which are probably of interest to residents and I will briefly give an update on all of them.

- Cotswold District Local Plan
- Linden Holmes development behind Station Road
- Bloor Homes development behind Roman Way
- Co-op Store
- The Co-op / Country Wide site
- De La Hays Entertainment Licence application

As always, I'd like to end by offering my sincere thanks to all of my colleagues who have had a very busy year. We know that residents may not always agree with the decisions of the Council, but it's important to underline the time councillors give to considering the wide variety of issues that come before us, and I'm continually grateful to my colleagues for their commitment and support.

Community Centre

The community centre was conceived in November 2010 which seems an incredibly long time ago. We have come a very long way in just over seven years.

I am pleased to report that the Centre continues to proceed in good health both materially and financially. I will deal with our activities under four headings.

- Public spaces
- Commercial leases
- Car park
- Maintenance issues

Thanks

This will probably be my last report as Chair of Bourton Parish Council as it is my intension to stand down in May. I have enjoyed serving the community but feel it is time to stand aside and let others take over.

I must thank the body of councillors for the hard work they have put in to achieve the results you see before you; both for the past year and for the previous 11 years.

Finally my thanks to Sue, our clerk who has worked tirelessly throughout the years to ensure that we have covered every detail; ensuring that we keep within the Law and the many regulations which are constantly streamed down to us.

I would also like to record my personal thanks to Jo Herbert who as Assistant Clerk has been responsible for the bookings and day to day running of the centre together with Ernie Webb our caretaker.

I am happy to answer questions later about any aspects of this report under Item 5, Resident Questions.

Committee Reports

I'd like to now hand over to the committee chairmen to tell you about the work of each committee.

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Bryan Sumner
Chairman
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