

Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 1st December 2021

The **Police** reported several instances of anti-social behaviour and property damage caused by 7–14-year-olds and they were working to tackle this with the housing association and schools. PC Alison Palfrey and PCSO John Allen from Stow attended the meeting from Stow Police Station and new PCSO Katie Perrett hopes to attend a future meeting.

Christmas Tree – The Parish Council would like to thank Bourton Vale Parking for their generosity in providing a wonderful tree for the village again this year and Hacklings for providing the transport and equipment for collection and installation. We would also like to thank those who helped with the installation and lighting to make an attractive centrepiece in the river over the Christmas period.

Bourton Circular Walks – two circular walks are being created by Cotswolds National Landscape (formerly Cotswolds AONB) in collaboration with the Cotswold Wardens, Parish Council, Cotswold District Council and Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust with the aim of attracting visitors away from the centre of the village, particularly at very busy times.

Community Emergency Plan – an updated plan has been finalised and is available on our website here <http://www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk/community/bourton-on-the-water-parish-council-7919/community-emergency-plan/>. It is planned to hold a workshop in 2022 to determine how the plan would work in practice.

Tree Survey – This has been completed and covers Parish Council-owned trees. Any actions identified will be reviewed by the Village Environment Committee and completed as per the schedule.

Memorial Plaques – in response to a request it was agreed that these can be sited on the circular seat around the large beech tree on the Village Green.

Highways – it was agreed that stronger measures were required to reduce congestion and improve road safety in the village. Gloucestershire County Council Highways will be asked to investigate the feasibility of restricting entry except for access to Lansdowne, Moore Road and High Street at peak times, plus limiting visitor access to other estate roads in the parish. Also, to investigate the feasibility of introducing a pay and display type charging scheme on current free spaces within the village centre, except on Sunday mornings to enable attendance at church services.

Platinum Jubilee Event June 2022 – an outline events plan and budget were approved and the Committee are working hard to progress a series of events over the four day Bank Holiday period. These include beacon lighting, a 'picnic/concert in the park' with Beatles for Sale tribute act and a Sunday Fun Day in the village centre.

The **Planning Committee** highlighted that it has been taking up to four weeks for Cotswold District Council to upload comments on planning applications to their Planning Portal. As parishioners' comments are reviewed by the Planning Committee prior to commenting on planning applications it is asked that any comments are also sent to the Parish Council for information.

New Play Equipment at The Naight and Melville – this has been completed since the meeting and is now open for use with a formal opening planned for the New Year. The Parish Council would like to thank Gloucestershire County Council, Cotswold District Council, The Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association and a private benefactor for their help in funding the new equipment.

Next Meeting Date: The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Wednesday 5th January at 7pm in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre.

Wishing all in Bourton-on-the-Water a very Happy New Year from the Parish Council.

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