

Parish Council Notes – Annual Council Meeting 5th May 2021

Election of Officers: Cllrs Bob Hadley and Lynda Hicks were elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council respectively for 2021-22.

Annual audit: The Council has closed and approved its accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021. The period for the Exercise of Public Rights to inspect the unaudited accounts will take place this year between 7th June and 16th July. Further information will be available on the Council's website or from the Council office.

Local Election Results: Paul Hodgkinson was elected as County Councillor for Bourton on the Water and Northleach Ward with 56% of the votes and Chris Nelson was elected as the Police & Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire.

Face-to-Face Meetings: As of 7th May all meetings of local councils including parish and town councils, their committees and sub-committees must be held as physical face-to face meetings. Although, the Parish Councillors will meet in person at the Community Centre their meetings will also continue to be held over Zoom to enable members of the public to join the meetings remotely where possible to keep the number of attendees in the building as low as possible until the social distancing rules are changed. If you would like to attend a meeting in person please notify the Assistant Clerk before the meeting to ensure that provision can be made to keep everyone in attendance safe.

Lloyds Bank: Following an annual review, Lloyds has confirmed its intention to continue with its Mobile Branch sessions at the Community Centre for at least a further six months.

Youth Club: Council's youth club sessions, led by Inspire to Aspire, will be held at Bourton Vale Cricket Club launching on Monday 31st May and continuing weekly on Mondays during term time. The sessions are open to 8–13-year-olds and will run from 6.00-7.30pm, however, places will need to be booked in advance. Updates will be posted on the *Bourton on the Water Youth Club* Facebook page.

Planters & Flower Beds: The village planters and flower beds will soon be planted with summer flowers and hanging baskets will be installed alongside the village green.

Bus Shelter – Meadow Way: At the time that planning consent was granted to extend the Industrial Park, the owner of the Park was required by Cotswold District Council to install a bus shelter to improve access to public transport; its use would be dependent upon future discussions with and agreement from the local bus service provider to amend the current route. Unfortunately, the Parish Council was not consulted in respect of the bus shelter compliance application and had no opportunity to submit comments on the proposal at that time. The Parish Council's Planning Committee has now discussed the matter and will liaise with GCC and CDC to ascertain whether the planning condition can be reversed. The Industrial Park owner has protected the shelter to prevent its use at present, but the Council will also seek the complete removal and storage of the shelter in the interim to allow discussions to take place without risk of damage or ASB. Given the shelter is the result of a Sealed Planning Agreement these discussions will obviously not be straightforward, and residents are therefore asked to bear with the Council whilst it progresses all issues.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 2nd June at 7pm in The George Moore Community Centre.

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