

**BOURTON ON THE WATER
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING THURSDAY 29TH APRIL 2021**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting
held at 7.00pm via Zoom**

Present: Cllr R Hadley (Chairman)
County Cllr Paul Hodgkinson
Ward District Cllr Nick Maunder
Parish Councillors (10)
Members of the Public (8)

1. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th March 2019

The minutes of the last meeting had been approved at the Parish Council meeting on 3rd April 2019 and were also ratified at this meeting as being a true record of events. Issues raised and discussed at the meeting had been passed to committees and these had either been actioned or were the subject of ongoing work.

2. Chairman and Committee Chairmen Reports

The Chairman's report (as attached) reflected on the challenges faced by the community throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. All councillors and staff were thanked for their contribution to Council business and new councillors were welcomed.

The Chairman advised as to how the Council workload is allocated between various committees and each of the committee chairmen gave a report on the activities of their respective committees, the projects achieved during 2020-21 and the focus for future committee activities during 2021-22.

3. County & Ward District Cllr reports (apologies Ward Cllr Richard Keeling)

County Cllr Paul Hodgkinson gave an overview of the impact of the COVID-19 on the county with 23,000 positive cases and 1,100 lives lost in fifteen months. 25% of people have now been fully vaccinated and 2/3 have received their first jab.

He gave a report on GCC related matters including the Community Help Hub which continues to offer support to residents in need of help, completion of the TRO in the village, the imminent adoption of the highways at The Furrows, resurfacing of the PROW by Carp Farm, the progress being made by his Tourism Action Group and Business Forum and the creation of a task group to tackle river pollution. Issues relating to drains and high speeds on the A429 will continue to be addressed.

From grant funds allocated to him, he has been able to provide funding assistance for various local projects including new ANPR equipment and support for a new mental health charity, Headspace.

Ward Cllr Nick Maunder reported on CDC's response to the COVID-19 crisis and its adaptations to enable the continuation of key services. CDC has actively supported Bourton Street Volunteers and local businesses, maintained leisure service facilities to support public wellbeing and deployed COVID marshals. Service improvements have included investment in waste collections, improved car parking facilities in the village and an updated community grants programme. Cllr Maunder gave details of CDC's ongoing projects: commitment to reducing its carbon footprint, investigating complementary sources of funding, introduction of a tourist tax in the Rissington Road car park, management of public open spaces on new developments, regulation of numbers of Airbnb properties and he stated that the outcome of the consultation on the planning reform White Paper is awaited.

Cllr Richard Keeling was unable to attend so submitted a written report.

4. Police Report

The Police were unable to attend so submitted a written report

5. Chairman's Report on Community Matters

Community matters were dealt with under the Chair and Committee reports in Item 2.

6. Resident Questions

Residents were invited to comment and submit questions, as follows:

ANPR Cameras:

A resident made a request for information about the function of the Parish Council's ANPR cameras to be shared with the local community so that there was a better understanding of their benefits and how they are supported by the police.

The Highways Committee, in conjunction with the police and the ANPR system manager, will produce an article for the Bourton Browser clarifying its purpose and summarising results achieved to date.

Travellers:

A resident raised a query about the travellers' encampment on the Fosseyway and asked whether any enforcement action would be taken. The Chairman confirmed that this area had been designated as a travellers' site as part of CDC's Local Plan and referred the resident to the Plan for full details of what was permitted. He explained that enforcement could only be taken if the site was being developed beyond what was stipulated in the Plan.

Query resolved at the meeting.

Bourton Street Volunteers:

A resident formally proposed a vote of thanks to Bourton Street Volunteers to acknowledge the incredible efforts of those involved in supporting our community throughout COVID-19 which included over 150 local residents.

Thanks formally recorded.

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE..... DATE.....