

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Parish Council notes from the Parish Council Meeting on 6th September 2023.

Steve Cotton, Village Warden has been monitoring coach parking activity in the village, as requested by Cotswold District Council. He was attending a meeting with the Police to discuss coach parking on 11th September.

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson will be chasing up progress with Gloucestershire County Council Highways on matters relating to the village-wide Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which is planned.

From 11th September a new Covid and flu jab will be offered to the over 65s and the under 65s who are clinically vulnerable, and their carers.

District Councillor (Bourton Vale Ward) Len Wilkins highlighted a press release on Planning services which were being upgraded as well as a new Economic Strategy for Gloucestershire. A 'Make My House Green' grant was available for lower income families to get solar power.

Neighbourhood Plan: It was agreed that the Parish Council will create a plan which, if successful at Referendum, will become part of the statutory development plan for the area. A working group is being set up and residents will be invited to join in due course.

Christmas tree and lights: A working group has arranged for this year's tree to be erected on Saturday 18th November with the lights being switched on in the afternoon of Friday 1st December.

Refurbishment of the Rye Crescent play area: The working group continues to progress plans and a public consultation was taking place during September. The transfer of the play area land from Cotswold District Council to the Parish Council is nearing completion.

Youth Networking Team: Councillor Launchbury will be setting up a team to work with other organisations in the parish that provide youth services to ensure full use is being made of available resources.

New ANPR (Speed) Camera: An additional camera is being purchased for installation on Station Road in the near future.

Grant Funding: It was agreed to provide small grants to The ITSA Digital Trust, Headspace, The Rotary Club of the North Cotswolds, 1st Bourton-on-the-Water Scout Group, Bourton Rovers Football Club and the North Cotswold Dementia Action Group.

Remembrance Day Parade, Sunday 12th November: The event will be organised in collaboration with the Royal British Legion and will take place at the War Memorial. An application has been submitted for a road closure for sections of the High Street and Sherborne Street between 10.30 and 11.30am.

Coach Parking: Cotswold District Council wrote to confirm that they are working to find the best possible solution to the matter and will report back on possible next steps. A meeting will be held between CDC and the Parish Council to discuss matters during October.

Closure of the Information Centre: Cotswold District Council wrote to clarify that they were not closing any information centres but had ended any grant funding. They noted a decrease in footfall at the centres and an increased use of the internet to source information. Cllr Hadley, as Director of

the Bourton Information Centre, continues to investigate options to enable the Centre to remain open.

Thames Water advised of significant work in Bourton over the next 16 months. They will be invited to present their plans to the Parish Council at the January meeting.

Kerbside Recycling Sacks: Cotswold District Council no longer provides the Parish Council with a supply of its blue and white recycling sacks so any replacements must now be requested directly from CDC. This can be done from the Moreton Area Centre on 01608 650881.

Allotments: There is currently one vacant plot at the Springvale site, and interested residents are asked to contact the Parish Council so this can be reallocated without delay. It's hoped that a tenant will come forward before the growing season to avoid the fallow plot getting out of hand.

Committee Clerk: We welcome Vanessa Oliveri back to the Parish Council as she will be providing locum cover for this role for a few weeks.

Next Meeting Date: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 4th October in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre. All residents are welcome.

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