

Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 2nd June 2021

Police: The Council was advised that PCSO Symes has resigned from the constabulary; PC Ali Palfrey and PSCO John Allen will continue to be the local points of contact until further advice is received from the Police in relation to his replacement.

De la Hayes/Windrush Restaurant: The flooding issues related to the street drain in front of the restaurant have now been resolved by Highways. Potential buyers for this property are being notified of the outstanding legal challenge relating to the seating, so this matter can be progressed with the new owner, after a sale has been agreed and completed;

Litter: New litter bins, some of which will incorporate a recycling element, are due to be installed by CDC around the village centre end-June/beginning July, in order to help tackle the increasing amounts of litter being generated. Signage will be added subsequently to raise awareness of the need for visitors to take litter home when bins are full. Bourton Litter Picking Group continues to pick litter in and around the village and grateful thanks are given to these volunteers for their efforts to help tackle this problem. Residents are advised that the Police encourage the reporting of dangerous items (ie needles etc) to them on 101 so these can be safely retrieved by their officers.

A-boards: The Council will circulate a letter to local businesses reminding them of the legislation and their responsibilities in respect of the display of advertising boards and the need to keep footpaths sufficiently clear to allow safe circulation of residents and visitors. GCC will be notified of any subsequent problem areas and enforcement will be sought.

Grants: Local groups are reminded they may apply to the Council for a grant, and that the deadline for submitting an application is 20th August – the application form/terms and conditions are available to download from the Council's web-site.

Youth provision: Subject to the government removing social distancing restrictions by 21st June, the popular Play Ranger sessions will recommence at Melville Play Area each Wednesday term-time between 4pm-6pm, as in previous years; the first session will therefore take place on Wednesday 23rd June. The Council also approved the purchase of a range of new play equipment to be installed at The Naight and Melville. The equipment will be installed after the summer holidays to ensure the play areas remain open during the period of maximum use. The Council has now appointed a resident who will be responsible for the regular inspection of Play Areas which will help in maintaining these spaces to the required standard.

Bus Shelter – Meadow Way: The Council is waiting for GCC and CDC to provide a date for a meeting to discuss the recent installation of the shelter; this will continue to be chased as a matter of urgency so further information can be provided to the community. In the interim, residents are encouraged to refer to Council meeting minutes for an up to date status report.

Clerk: The Council appointed a new Clerk, Sharon Henley, at its June meeting; Sharon will take up the role on the 5th July, and this will help greatly in restoring Council's staff resources to a full complement.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 7th July at 7pm in The George Moore Community Centre.

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