Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Parish Council notes from the Parish Council Meeting on 4th October 2023.

The Police highlighted a new link to on-line reporting of non-urgent anti-social behaviour, see [Report antisocial behaviour | Gloucestershire Constabulary](#)

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson is in discussions with Gloucestershire County Council Highways to progress Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) for coach parking with a potential for an on-street drop off/pick up solution. He will also be meeting with GCC Highways and the Parish Council to progress the other village-wide TROs.

District Councillor Jon Wareing's report highlighted a significant shortfall of £448,000 in Cotswold District Council's budget for this year. This means that the District Council is actively looking to make savings through improved efficiency as well as cost cutting.

Refurbishment of Rye Crescent play area: A successful public consultation event was held during September and the working group continues to progress plans for new equipment.

Tourist Levy Funding: The Parish Council will once again receive monies from Cotswold District Council car parking charges in the Rissington Road for projects in the village. Three projects have been selected for funding by the levy, following a public consultation by CDC on a list of potential projects put forward by the Parish Council. These are: Installation of planters and seating around trees in the area in front of The Willow Pub, resurfacing of the path at Periwinkle Bank and planting around the edge of Clapton Row. Initials cost estimates and plans are being drawn up at this stage.

War Memorial: The Parish Council was awarded a grant of £280 from the War Memorials Scheme to fund 50% of the cost of repairs for the war memorial. It is hoped that the repairs can be completed over the next few months once we receive the appropriate permissions from the District Council.

Hedges, Shrubs and Trees: The Parish Council would like to remind householders and landowners of their responsibilities to cut back any hedges, shrubs or trees that may be overhanging the pavements or footpaths bordering their property. This is to ensure the safety of pedestrians and allow sufficient space, where possible, for the use of wheelchairs and buggies. Please ensure the full width of a pavement is kept clear, ideally with a minimum cleared width of 1.1 metres (3ft 7 inches). Head clearance should be a minimum of 2.1 metres (approx 7 ft). Please check your hedges and shrubs prior to cutting back to ensure there are no nesting birds present.

The Parish Council would like to thank The Wright Signs of Shipston-on-Stour for carrying out works to the signage at the George Moore Community Centre without charge.

Memorial Safety Testing will be carried out at Bourton-on-the-Water Cemetery in Cemetery Lane and St Lawrence's Churchyard in the High Street from January 2024.

The Parish Council understands that the headstone and memorial safety testing may cause concern to grave owners and families of the bereaved and wishes to give its reassurance that testing will be carried out respectfully and within national guidelines.

If a memorial is found to be unstable, a letter will be sent to the grave owner at their last known address. If you would like to update your details or require any further information about the safety testing procedure, please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Council appreciates your assistance and cooperation in ensuring that the Cemetery and Churchyard are safe places for everyone to visit.

Youth Club: The Youth Club are now meeting on Friday evenings during term-time at the Baden-Powell Hall. Juniors (Age 8 – Year 6) from 6.00-7.30pm and Seniors (Year 7 to Year 9) from 7.30pm-9pm.

Next Meeting Date: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 1st November in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre. All residents are welcome.