

MINUTES OF THE BOURTONS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Monday January 11th 2010

7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Those Present: Cllrs Leszczynski (Chairman), Thompson, Tomlin and Prew. Clerk Sue Upton.

1. Public Time – there were no members of the public present.
2. Apologies were received from County Cllr Reynolds, District Cllr Atack, Cllrs Bull and Stanley.
3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2009 were agreed and signed.
4. There were no declarations of interest.
5. Correspondence (i) a letter has been received from OCC and Age Concern regarding the severe weather conditions. It is believed that most elderly villagers are being looked after by family, friends or neighbours. Posters have been put up in pubs and on the website. There was some discussion regarding the gritting situation, a new delivery of grit was received by OCC last Thursday and grit bins should be refilled early the following week. OCC said that they are looking at options to lock the bins as they aware that grit has been stolen again this year and some has been taken by householders for their personal use. Councillors discussed the possibility of having extra and/or larger bins installed and the possible locations. Clerk to look at the price of new bins/bigger bins for this to be looked at again next meeting.
 - (ii) A letter has been sent to the family who have built an enclosed area on a grave in the burial ground to ask them to remove it, since it does not comply with the burial ground regulations.
 - (iii) A final letter has been sent to terminate the tenancy agreement of one of the allotment holders who has not conformed to the agreement for many years. (ref 6d) The allotment management committee will be notified. The plots will be offered to other parishioners on the waiting list. Clerk will check that the water tap has been turned off. The chairman will investigate the possibility of getting financial help from CDC to clear the plot, especially since there is a shed to remove which has some asbestos content.
 - (iv) Information has been received from Youth Activators, Cllr Leszczynski will get back to them re: play areas.
5. Finance –
 - a. Current situation – there is currently £11,763.55 (+ £1,000 being held to open the new Barclays Account) New paperwork has been requested for this account in accordance with new banking procedures. The clock account holds £3,006.01 and the Reserve Account £11,784.29. This balance in reserve at the moment, is provisioned for new bus shelters and the footpath to Cropredy project.
 - b. Provision Budget and Precept: The clerk presented an up to date Income and Expenditure account. It was agreed unanimously to leave the precept as it is at £7,500. This was proposed by Cllr Thompson and it was seconded by Cllr Tomlin.
 - c. Although there is sometimes unplanned expenditure, as there has been in this financial year, it was agreed that money can be borrowed from the provisioned money held in the Reserve Account should there be any exceptional expenditure in 2009/10.
6. Matters Arising from the previous minutes
 - a. Local Transport and Bus Stops – Cllr Tomlin will write again regarding diverting the GA01 service for the Bourtons. Information is still awaited from Louise Harrison concerning the proposed siting of bus shelters in Little Bourton and the clerk will chase this information. Cllr Tomlin to put together a bus shelter location proposal for Highways for Great Bourton. Clerk will establish the supplier of bus stops to Mollington parish.
 - b. Field behind The Plough, Little Bourton - enforcement team visited again at the end of December to check if all non-agricultural equipment has been removed. Most has been removed but there will be another visit before the end of January. Clerk will chase enforcement team for an update on all the Bourtons issues.
 - c. Poor Land Trustees – Cllrs Leszczynski and Tomlin have spoken to the legal department at CDC and it apparently will be difficult to change the current situation. . The legal department suggested a further meeting to look at the options. Cllrs Leszczynski and Bull to schedule this. Allotments – tenancy termination finalisation (see 5 iii).
 - d. Footpath to Cropredy – information still awaited from Mark Gregory's department re funding options. Clerk will chase.
 - e. Annual Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting – Cllrs Leszczynski and Tomlin attended the meeting and reported that there was little of significance for the Bourtons in the actual presentations

but that the consultation time beforehand was useful. e.g. information re: the Poor Lands Trust.

7. Outstanding items from 2009:

- a. Highways, pathways and drainage annual review. Councillors and clerk will undertake the annual review and send their report to highways.
- b. Street lighting obstructions- E-on have been asked to attend to street lighting which has become obstructed by ivy etc. Apparently the electric wiring in South View is obstructed by the hedgerow. Clerk to find out when the work is to be carried out.

8. Planning:

- a. Application 09/00570/F Land adjoining N of M40 and East of Little Bourton – Environmental Agency [Flood Alleviation Scheme- Cherwell Valley] Amendment– this has been approved.
- b. Application 09/01797/F has been received regarding the conversion of an existing residence in School Lane to form an additional residential property. This information has been circulated.

Sue Upton
Parish Clerk