

BOURTONS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on the 9th January 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall
Draft Minutes

Those present: Cllrs Sally Leszczynski (Chairman) Brian Bull, Caroline Timms and Steven Hughes.
(Dist Cllr Atack at 8.45pm)

In attendance: Kate Drummond (clerk)

- a. Apology was received from Cllr.Sue Upton.
- b. There were no declarations of interest.
- c. **Public Participation Session:** There were two members of public present.
- d. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 7th November were approved and signed.
- e. **Vacancy for parish councillor.** No progress. Advertising of the post in the Banbury Guardian village column was discussed.(did we actually 'Resolve' to do this?)
- f. **Progress Reports:**
 - a. No further progress has been made on the Crow Lane sign.CDC have appointed a contractor who has been given local contact details, but nothing further has been heard.
 - b. No further progress has been made on the Swan Lane sign. As above
 - c. Footpath. Mr Lapper has offered to cut the grass on the verges as this is not the responsibility of Highways, who have now taken on responsibility for the footway. It was noted that part of the footpath 8 is still obstructed but that the OCC footpath officer is proceeding with action.
 - d. Bus Service. The SC 200 diverted service ended on 10th Dec, An additional dial-a-ride service through County Connect is now available between 9.30am and 3pm for people who register with the company to use this facility. Details available on leaflets.
 - e. Bus shelters. A meeting is being held on 10th Jan at the new L.B. bus lay-by to see if there is enough space for the shelter to be erected.
 - f. Bus lay-by. The lay-by is now finished, signage has been requested as it has been used on occasion for parking.
 - g. Winter and grit supplies. Delivery is expected during this week, instructions have been given on where to leave the grit. 2 tarpaulins have been purchased to keep the grit dry.
 - h. Burial ground maintenance. An offer has been received to take over the mowing, but at the moment there is nobody covering the other jobs.
Approval for the conditions and costs of burial and revised documents are still required by the Burial Ground Warden.
- g. **Playgrounds.**

Great Bourton – Cable work is on hold until the weather improves and the ground is firm. A new gate is required between the playground and adjoining waste ground, this should be the responsibility of the electricity company, to be done when work is finished.

Little Bourton – Presentations on Outdoor gym equipment were given by two companies. Attendance by the public was poor, and the need for adult equipment was questioned, but welcomed by others. A meeting is being held at the playground at 10.30am on 10th January with Roger Davis(ROSPA) and Nicole O'Donnell(OPFA) to ascertain whether it is safe to combine the adult/children equipment, it was decided to take further action after this meeting.
- h. **Finance.**

Projected budget figures for 2012-13 were examined and discussed. The precept for 2012-2013 was set for £8000.
All other financial matters were deferred until the next meeting in the absence of the acting Financial Officer.

i. **Planning.**

Planning permission has been passed for the following:
The Old Bakery L.B. 11/01489/F
7 Valley View G.B. 11/00521/F

Planning applications have been received for the following:
Craft workshop, The Green, G.B.11/01845/F
Drive and entrance, Main Street G.B. 11/01846/F
No objections submitted to CDC by Cllrs.

Planning permission for the test mast at the proposed wind farm was refused.

j. **Correspondence**

- a. Bus service was covered during the meeting. It was noted that the street light is still missing in Chapel Lane, L.B., OCC Dept had been notified. Plans are in progress to install a new one, the light is supplied by OCC and installed by the electricity company (Western Power). Situation is being monitored, and company will be reminded if necessary.
- b. Bus lay-by – Discussed during the meeting, it was also noted that the manhole has sunk and could be a hazard for motorists.
Street light – As above.
Gym Equipment – As discussed during the meeting.
Alternative use for playground money – It was suggested that this be used to maintain the hedges, but this money cannot be used for any other purpose than provision of equipment in the play area.
- c. Points were noted in other correspondence and discussed and the clerk was asked to respond.

k. **Other Business**

The Williamscot to Cropredy road will be closed for repairs– 6th-22nd February 2012
The change of opening hours at Thames Valley police stations was noted.

l. **The date of the next meeting was set for 6th February 2012.**

Meeting closed 21:40

Chairman.

Sally Leszczynski

