

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday Nov 1st 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall at Great Bourton

1. Public Time – there were no members of the public present
2. Apologies – were received from Dist Cllr Atack, County Cllr George Reynolds and Cllrs Tomlin and Thompson
3. Minutes of the previous meetings were agreed and signed
4. There were no Declarations of Interest:
5. Correspondence:
  - a. Footpath survey. Mr Probert (footpath warden for the Bourtons) had identified several problems, and commended one land-owner, in his survey of local footpaths. This had been sent to the OCC Footpath Officer and Mr Probert would be thanked. It was suggested that it would be a good idea to invite him to the AGM next year.
  - b. Electricity/ lighting : ivy on street lamps this is to be dealt with by e-on although any street lights which are erected on BT poles will be dealt with by BT  
  
Bulk lamp village hall path – this will be replaced by OCC highways department.  
  
Overhead cables in GB playground. This has been raised again with e-on who plan to make yet another site visit to determine a plan to make the cables ‘safe’ in the meantime before the transformer is removed and re-sited.
  - c. Cllrs were reminded of the extreme slipperiness of the hill through GB due to compacted snow and ice last winter. Feasibility of road warning signs was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Leszczynski would contact OCC Highways to request gritting to keep the road passable in future, in view of heavy usage.
6. Finance –
  - a. Current situation - Barclays Accounts. The new accounts are now open and councillors signed a directive for Nat West to transfer Nat West account monies into the appropriate Barclays accounts.
7. Matters Arising from the previous minutes:
  - a. Clerk vacancy – approaches have been made to various people re this vacancy and it is proposed to contact all parish clerks in the area regarding this position if the position isn't filled before the end of the year.
  - b. Footpath to Cropredy – Cllr SL has contacted the chairman of Cropredy council and it has been proposed that a meeting be held to progress this project. We still await a detailed specification for the pathway from OCC highways department. Cllr Leszczynski to raise matter at Parish Liaison surgery.
  - c. Allotments - Some rents due in Oct 2010 still to be paid. Tenants would be reminded. Concern was expressed that some plots were not being properly cultivated again, in compliance with the tenancy agreement. To be listed and monitored.
  - d. Bus-shelters – Information on possible designs is being collected and will be circulated.  
Bus lay-by in Little Bourton may be constructed by developer this month.

- e. ROSPA report for playgrounds: A correction to the report had been made re the safety surface of the Little Bourton play area. Brambles in the Great Bourton encroaching on the play area need to be removed.
- f. Lightning conductor on clock tower. – It was agreed unanimously to make a donation of £500 to the PCC for the remedial work in this project. This was proposed by Cllr Prew and seconded by Cllr Bull.
- g. Churchyard tree pruning. Three quotations have been received and it was decided to appoint Nicholsons to carry out the work.
- h. Local Transport – the council is continuing to work with Geoff Amos to improve the bus service through Great Bourton
- i. Dog bins: the invoice content has been explained and will be paid. It has been suggested that an extra bin be placed in Main Street as there have been many complaints regarding dog litter in this area. Cllr SL to ask Highways permission.
- j. Weeding,- in South view garage area: Council Estates department have been contacted about doing more maintenance work in this area.
- k. Road signs. Crow Lane. Highways site visit re Swan Lane and Lorries. Cllr SL to ask for written confirmation and clarification from Highways of site meeting suggestions.

Meetings this month                      CDC Annual Parish Liaison meeting: Three councillors plan to attend.  
 OCC Closer to Communities Strategies Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> Nov .6.30 pm, Town Hall,  
 Banbury: Two cllrs plan to attend.

#### 8. Planning:

- i. Pinson Close/ Avoncroft update: Cllr Atack is following up the section 106 requirements for Pinson Close. Retrospective application for two houses in place of shop was accepted.
- ii. Application from Mr McTaggart no. 10/01292/F: this application is pending. The council have submitted observations submitted by adjoining landowners and the council views following the site visit.
- iii. Enforcement issues. The council will contact the enforcement team regarding the Caravans near the road railway bridge.

- 9. Date of next meeting – No scheduled meeting in December. Dates for 2011 meetings were agreed and will be published on the notice boards and on the website.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm