

Draft MINUTES OF THE BOURTONS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on the 5th September 2011 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Those present: Cllrs Sally Leszczynski (Chairman) Brian Bull , Sue Upton.
(Dist Cllr Atack at 9.30pm)

In attendance: Kate Drummond (as Clerk, taking Minutes)

1. **Apologies** were received from Caroline Timms and Steven Hughes.
2. There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Public Participation Session:** There were no members of public present.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held 1st August were approved and signed
5. **Co-option of new councillor(s):** It was decided to defer this until the next meeting whilst awaiting the CV from the candidate.
6. **Clerk:** Kate Drummond has agreed to do this on a trial basis.
7. **Highways matters:**
 - a. CDC have been contacted again, the new signs have been ordered again but the person who mounts them is on long term sick leave so another quotation is being sought.
 - b. As above.
 - c. Footpath. This was completed on time and within budget, and was approved by Tim Wilde of OCC highways on 9th August. The path will be monitored over the next year for wear after usage and weathering.
 - d. Bus service. The GA01 service has been taken over by Stagecoach when Geoff Amos company was taken into administration, and now retimed as service 200. The current service may be dropped at the end of October when the A361 is reopened.
 - e. Bus shelters. Shelter company representative has inspected sites, but will visit again and make report once LB lay-by is built. Cllr.SL will check if can now to apply for a grant.
 - f. Bus lay-by Little Bourton. The layby has not been built on time, Dist.Cllr Atack is following up. It was noted that the bus stop notice is no longer there since Avoncroft development.
 - g. Trees. This needs to be done in the autumn or will have to wait for another year. Cllr SL to re-contact OCC Highways (Ref No.434770)
 - h. Weed Control. A survey is being done on 6th September 2011.
 - i. Grit. It was decided to order an extra bag at a cost of £100, so there is one bag for each village. It was suggested that as the parish covers two villages it may be worth asking if we would be entitled to two supplied. Storage of the extra bags is a problem as it needs to be dry, and is heavy so needs to be near to where it will be used.
8. **Playgrounds.**
 - a. ROSPA Inspection has been done but report has not yet been typed or received.
 - b. Great Bourton. A clean up is being held on 10th September 2011.
 - c. Little Bourton. Quotes for the parking, target wall improvements and outdoor gym equipment are ongoing. Further contribution from Avoncroft to Cherwell DC has not been paid yet.
9. **Finance:** Report on up to date financial situation was given.
BDO Audit. The report has been done but has not yet been received.
Fairport ticket money. It was agreed that there are several imminent potential extra expenses and so decision should be deferred.
10. Planning. Plans were submitted for The Beeches and no objection was made.
11. **Correspondence:** Community Emergency Plan Survey. It was decided to submit this for help in developing a plan Date of meeting for discussion on this was noted
OCC consultation on changes to Dial-a-ride service, by end of September.
CDC Countryside Forum meeting, at Kirtlington 6.9.11. Cllrs SL and K Atack to attend.
ORCC AGM Invitation – unfortunately, the same date as our October meeting.

It was noted that part of the churchyard wall looks as if it needs some repair, Cllr Upton will check if the Quinquennial inspection noted any repair requirements.

12. District Councillor's Report: District Cllr Atack is monitoring the new bus service situation, the implementation of the bus lay- by in Little Bourton and the A361 developments.

Meeting closed 21:45

Date of next meeting Monday 3rd October

Signed Sally Leszczynski
Chairman