

BOURTONS PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Monday April 6th '09
Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Public Time: There were two members of public present. A request was made to improve screening and fencing to distinguish the boundary between the Great Bourton playground and residents' gardens. There is a problem with noise from the playground and balls going into a nearby garden. The maintenance of the ditch is also a problem as some children are building dams and bridges across the ditch. (This item will be put on the next agenda)

The '100' club was not drawn

1. There were no apologies but Cllr Atack arrived late for the meeting as he had attended another meeting previously. For the record his report is shown as an attachment to these minutes.
2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on March 2nd 09 were agreed and signed.
3. There were no declarations of Interest.
4. Matters Arising:
 - a. Dog Bins – A step still needs to be installed in front of the new bin in Swan Lane. There was a discrepancy on the CDC invoice for dog bin emptying; the clerk will check this amount before payment is made. (Note 1)
 - b. Footpaths – Clerk is waiting for two other contacts from OCC to carry out a weed killing in the Bourtons.
 - c. Dist Cllr Atack and Cllr Bull attended a site meeting with Ian Clarke and Andy Leigh from highways concerning the footpath to Cropredy – it was agreed that the path could be constructed to a 1.2 metre specification and this would then allow clear access under the bridge. It was further agreed that no guard rail is needed and the pathway can end opposite the school gates. Highways will get back to us with a plan and specification. The footpath will cost approximately £75 a metre to construct giving a total approximate figure of £60,000.
 - d. LB Playground – update: The hedgerow has been planted (thanks to Cllrs Leszczynski and Prew) and an open day will probably be held in June.
 - e. Local Transport update – News still awaited on the Geoff Amos service but there is an update on the Dial a Ride service. CDC has now withdrawn their funding so the Poor Land Trust will have to subsidise the costs. Further news is expected on this.
 - f. Church Tower Clock update – Two companies have visited and their quotations are awaited. Clerk has been liaising with Julian Aldred who currently winds the clock and who has investigated the possibility for increasing the power supply to the tower. (Note 2)
 - g. Little Bourton development – All development curtailed for the time being and application has been made by the developers to postpone the S106 payments. The council have responded with a firm request for the developers to provide the bus lay by immediately, which is imperative since we are expecting a more regular bus service and are now looking at the possibility of providing a bus shelter.
 - h. The clerk contacted Neighbourhood watch co-ordinators regarding the proposal to switch streetlights for part of the time to reduce carbon emissions. We had received significance response

suggesting that this is not a good idea for a rural area and one letter from a resident in Main Street cited several instances where cars had been broken into when street lights were not working properly due to power failures. The clerk will respond to the request accordingly.

- i. The clerk was asked to contact highways department again regarding the possible reduction of speed on the A423. Claydon with Clattercote Parish Council have also recently made this request. Warwickshire have now installed a 50mph limit on their stretch of the road. Clerk will also try to obtain accident statistics for this section of road.
- j. The clerk still had the spring cleaning equipment if anyone would like to take responsibility for a specific area of the Bourtons. Clerk to e-mail George Reynolds regarding the closure of the tip at Alkerton.

5. Accounts –

- i. Up to date financial situation Current Account £5,614.23, Reserve Account £11,775.73 and the Clock Account £3,003.83
All outstanding bills were paid before the middle of March to reduce the reserve before the year end accounts are prepared. The half yearly precept figures will be received sometime in the middle of April.
- ii. The clerk distributed the necessary forms from Barclays, to enable the new accounts to be opened.

6. Correspondence:

- a. Allotments – The tap has been mended free of charge thanks to Pete Manley. Clerk will need to check on remaining tenants and collect the rent for this year. There has been some difficulty in contacting some tenants so a notice will be displayed at the allotments for them to contact the Clerk. A notice has been requested for the gate to be kept closed at all times.
- c. Estimates received for the re-decoration of the Village Hall have been circulated to councillors and it was agreed that Alcocks should be appointed to carry out the remedial work and redecoration. Clerk to inform them accordingly.
- b. Notices have been posted regarding a replacement councillor and advice sought from Louise Aston regarding the next stage of procedure. The position will now be advertised in order that the council may co-opt a replacement.

7. Planning: Outstanding issues with Planning Department/Highways

- a. Road and pavement repairs – some urgent repairs have been made in Little Bourton. (see 4c) The Parish Council's review is almost complete and will be forwarded to highways week commencing 20th April.
- b. Application: No. 08/02458/F – Mr Lapper – Various correspondence is still being received from residents in Great Bourton and Cropredy regarding the development of this site. Correspondence from the enforcement team. confirms that an application is awaited (Note 3)

8. Next meeting Annual Parish Meeting and AGM: Tuesday May 5th '09 – 7.30 in the Village Hall. Clerk will request reports from each of the appropriate organisations

Note 1: The invoice also includes a 10% administration charge

Note 2: The 2 quotations have been received and are ready for circulation with Julian's comments attached.

Note 3: This application has now been received but not all the details are available at the moment.