

BOURTONS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Minutes of meeting held on Monday Aug 2nd at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall at Great Bourton

Those present: Cllrs Leszczynski, Bull, Prew, Tomlin and Upton and Dist Cllr Atack

1. Public Time – there were no members of the public present
2. Apologies were received from Cllr Thompson
3. Minutes of the previous meeting (held in June) were agreed and signed, There was no Parish Council meeting in July as many of the councillors would be unable to attend, therefore unusually the Council met at the beginning of August.
4. There were no declarations of Interest:
5. Correspondence:
 - a. Draft plans had been received from Mr McTaggart and Cllrs Leszczynski, Bull and Upton had attended a site meeting to view the proposals on site before Mr McTaggart submits his application. The revised plan for three stables is less ambitious than the original plans which were refused by the planning department
6. Finance –
 - a. Current situation The Council's new bank account has now been opened at Barclays and parallel accounts are now being set up for the Reserve Account the Clock Account and a separate account for the Little Bourton Playground. The three latter accounts will all attract interest although at the moment the interest rate is very low.
 - b. End of Year Accounts – have been audited by the internal auditor and are now with the external auditors for approval.
 - c. Fairport Ticket revenues – Sale of Fairport tickets this year has been very successful and we are very grateful for Cllr Bull's negotiations with the organisers to secure so many tickets for the Bourtons. Sale of tickets this year has raised £4,240.00. The Council will determine the provision of this money at the next meeting.
7. Matters Arising from the previous minutes:
 - a. Poor Land Trustees – Community Bus service update – it was agreed that Cllr Tomlin would put some information in the broadsheet about the current transport situation as there appears to be some confusion regarding who is eligible for each kind of transport service which is available in the Bourtons.
 - b. Clerk vacancy – Cllr Upton is contacting clerks of other parishes to see if anyone is interested in taking on the Bourtons
 - c. Allotments – update – All Little Bourton rents have been collected by Cllr Prew – there are still a few outstanding payments from Great Bourton and surrounding villages.
 - d. Bus-shelters – update – A plan for the location of bus shelters has been sent to the highways department and it was decided to arrange another site meeting with Louise Harrison (Highways Technical Department) to determine the sites for one shelter in each of the Bourtons. The council are aware of problems with dropping off of residents in Little Bourton from the 277 service and will speak to Louise Harrison about this. Since the speed limit on this road may be reduced it may now be possible to install something which will enable pedestrians to cross the road more easily. £6,000 has been provisioned for the new shelters and the council is anxious to proceed while the grant scheme is still in place.
8. Planning:
 - a. Lapper Development Enforcement update The Council are still monitoring the developments to the land on the right of the road leading to Cropredy whose applicant has now received planning permission for his application following a site meeting by the planning committee. – the council are unhappy that the enforcement action regarding this site has not been effective. In spite of the council's (and local residents) complaints about the management of planning control on this site, the planning officers fail to see the difficulties with the permissions they have issued.
 - b. Application 10/01036/F Little Bourton – no objections
 - c. Outstanding permission for Pinson close. Permission to change the application for a shop to houses has still not been granted although the houses have now been built and are

apparently on the market. The council are also following up the Section 106 agreement with the developers of Pinson Close in Little Bourton.

- d. Dist Cllt Atack who is on the planning committee is keeping a watching brief on the planning issues on the council's agenda.

9. Date of next meeting – Monday October 4th