

## BOURTONS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday June 7th 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 Cllr Thompson. Dist Cllr Atack joined the meeting at 8.30 pm.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed.
4. There were no Declarations of Interest:
5. Correspondence:
  - a. A letter had been received from the residents of Little Bourton pointing out the difficulties in crossing the road on the return trip from Banbury. Previously they were able to stay on the bus for the round trip and get off on the 'village' side of the road but that is now not possible. A letter of acknowledgement has been sent to the residents concerned. Since it is proposed to reduce the speed limit on the A423 it might now be possible to install some kind of crossing – Louise Harrison will be contacted regarding this.
  - b. Review of Standing Orders Cherwell adopted draft will be circulated for discussion, and formalised at a future meeting.
  - c. Members allowances; it was agreed that allowances will be paid to councillors where agreed by the council but there are very few occasions where this applies.
  - d. Bus shelter location proposal and Grit Bin site recommendations have been sent to highways for their comments and response.
6. Finance –
  - a. Current situation – the Reserve account holds £11,785.74, the clock account £3,006.75 and the current account £12,891.61. Future deposits will be made in the new Barclays Account. Application has now been made to open the extra accounts with Barclays including a playground account.
  - b. End of Year Accounts are complete have been audited by John Hicks and sent to BDO the external auditors. VAT will be claimed for the year on receipt of the external auditors' accreditation.
7. Matters Arising from the previous minutes:
  - a. Poors Land – Community Bus service report – since there is only enough funding to provide the Dial a Ride service until the end of the year. It will not be appropriate to increase the rent on the Poor land so the council will have to decide whether to charge those using the service or fund the service from council funds. Cllr Tomlin and Upton had made enquiries about who uses the bus and Cllr Tomlin will put something in the broadsheet regarding the service. From the letter received from the Little Bourton residents regarding the 277 service, it would seem that there is some confusion about each of the bus services and who is allowed to use them.

- b. Clerk vacancy – advertisement still being sent through the school newsletter and village newsletters. Clerks of other neighbouring parish councils will be contacted.
- c. There have been no comments regarding the updated Allotment tenancy agreement. Cllr Prew volunteered to collect outstanding rents from Little Bourton residents. Allotments are apparently looking good at the moment but we still need to deal with the trailers which have been left by one of the previous allotment tenants.
- d. Bus-shelters: £6,000 has been ring fenced by the council for the provision of one shelter in each of the villages. The location of these has to be agreed by highways before we can install.

8. Planning:

- i. Avoncroft Development at Little Bourton – update – still no permission granted for the houses being built instead of the shop and flat.
- ii. Permission has been granted on application 10/00293/F (land between Cropredy and Great Bourton) following a site meeting by the planning committee members recommended by the District Councillor.

9. Date of next meeting – since several councillors are unable to attend a meeting in July it was decided to hold the next meeting in August. Therefore this will take place on the first Monday in August – Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7.30pm in the village hall. SU to arrange with George Ennis.