

## BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday Nov 18th '08

#### 7.30 pm in the Village hall

Public Time: Mr Fallick attended the public time to report a problem with bird scarers going off and creating a disturbance. Mr Fallick had prepared a report concerning the matter which he left with the council. Dist Cllr Atak offered to look into the matter and report back to Mr Fallick.

1. There were no apologies
2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> Oct '08 were agreed and signed.
3. There were no declarations of Interest:
4. Matters Arising:
  - a. Dog Bins – Cllr Tomlin had met with the dog warden who is happy about the location of the new bin. A new green dog bin has been ordered and should arrive shortly.
  - b. Footpaths – It was agreed that we should set up our own contract to weed footpaths in the spring and equipment would be purchased if necessary. The clerk had obtained information regarding the type of weedkiller which should be used.
  - c. LB Playground – First set of equipment has been installed and tarmac to be completed. Roger Davies will carry out a safety check once the first phase is finished. Cllr Leszczynski is liaising with Bob Duxbury regarding the 106 payment and a meeting was being held today.
  - d. Local Transport – Cllr Tomlin has met with Graham Helm (CDC) who has agreed to try to meet with Geoff Amos to further the bus route plans. A meeting is being held in Banbury Town Hall on Wednesday regarding local transport.
  - e. Website – now up and running, it was pointed out that up to date information is required from everyone please.
  - f. Church Tower Clock update – it was suggested that Pete Downer be contacted regarding the church clock.
  - g. Parish Liaison Meeting – Cllrs Tomlin and Leszczynski and the parish clerk had attended
  - h. Affordable Housing – Cllr Tomlin reported that 50% of these properties will be allocated to those with a local connection if they are registered on Cherwell's Housing Register and apply for the properties through the Choice Based Lettings system
  - i. Delegation of responsibilities – transfer to next agenda
5. Accounts –
  - i. Current A/c : £4,629.49 Reserve A/c 11,733.65 Clock A/c £2,993.10
  - ii. Bank update: further information submitted to ombudsman expect to receive decision information in January.
6. Correspondence: All correspondence has been circulated.
7. Planning: Clerk has been in contact with planning dept/highways regarding the new entrance being constructed at Mr Lapper's. Planning application expected regarding this entrance.
8. Some potholes have not been dealt with in Foxden Way and South View. \* Note 1
9. It was agreed that meetings in 2009 would be held on the first Monday of the month. Clerk will issue and publish a schedule of meetings.

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**An extraordinary meeting was held on December 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss the proposed bus routes and the retrospective planning permission being sought by Mr Lapper.**

**Proposed New Bus Routes:** Cllr Tomlin gave a detailed resume of the proposed new routes, pointing out that Geoff Amos did not want to lose the Shipston-on-Stour route as it is profitable. It was noted that whatever timetable is put into place will be in place for 4 years. It has been reported that the Hanwell Fields service is no longer profitable although it provides a good circular service, it is little used.

The installation of an island, to make crossing the main road easier, opposite the Plough in Little Bourton was discussed.

The Parish Council agreed to support proposal one – this would be the best proposal for the Bourtons. Cllr Tomlin would draft a response to John Wood for the council's approval.

**Application No. 08/02458/F:** Vehicle Access (Retrospective) OS Parcel 3873 North East of Hillside House

Councillors noted that the plan submitted with the application was totally inaccurate and that the accompanying paperwork was not correctly completed. However, it was felt that we should still respond to the application with our objections rather than insist on an accurate application.

Complaints have been received from Cropredy residents as well as Bourton residents regarding the developments on this parcel of land.

The Parish council will seek a rejection of the proposed planning permission and a reinstatement of the hedgerow and surrounding agricultural land. It was suggested that a site meeting be arranged to ensure that the planning department understand the concerns of two parishes affected by this application.

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Note 1: A hole in the pavement opposite Belmont on the church side, as subsequently been reported.

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