

**BOURTONS PARISH COUNCIL- MINUTES OF MEETING**  
held on Monday Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall at Great Bourton

Those present: Cllrs Leszczynski (Chair) Cllrs Bull, Tomlin and Upton

1. Public Time – There were no members of the public present.
2. Apologies were received from Cllrs Prew and Thompson.
3. Minutes of the previous meetings were agreed and signed.
4. There were no Declarations of Interest.
5. Correspondence:
  - I. A notice has been received regarding the forthcoming OCC budget reduction meeting on Wed 29 September at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Banbury. Bourtons Parish Council will be represented.
  - II. There will be a Environment Forum meeting to discuss Thermal Imaging (showing heat loss from properties) on Mon Oct 4th at 6.30 pm at Bodicote House.
  - III. A newsletter has been received outlining 'No Need for Nuclear' requesting support for Early Day Motion No 557 The letter has been circulated to councillors for comment.
  - IV. ORCC membership – it was agreed that this should be renewed.
  - V. The lime trees in the Churchyard need attention this year and it was agreed to obtain quotes to prune them.
  - VI. A fallen tree in GB playground had been reported and has been dealt with by Cllrs Bull and Prew. Other Cllrs expressed their thanks. It was agreed that the council will carry out a playground clear up before Easter next year.
  - VII. The burial ground warden George Ennis has requested that new places be marked out for the burial of ashes. Cllr Prew and David Upton will be asked to carry out this task.
  - VIII. The lightning conductor on the clock tower has been reported as faulty –Details to be checked on report and the council will liaise with Dave Dolloch and Julian Aldred regarding this.
  - IX. It was noted that PC McLeod who is new to the area will be attending the Coffee morning at the Bell Inn on 21 October, to give crime prevention advice, if residents wish to meet him there.
  - X. New bus timetables have been received outlining the service we originally proposed for Little Bourton – offering a service to Banbury and Leamington Spa every 2 hours. These new Stagecoach 66/X66 timetables are available on the website and on the notice boards. Residents requiring their own timetable should contact Cllr Sue Upton on 758398. Cllrs Tomlin and Upton to follow up on what can be done for Great Bourton
6. Finance –
  - a. Current situation - Barclays Accounts. Account numbers are awaited regarding the new accounts in respect of the Reserve Account, the clock account and the LB Playground account. An up to date financial statement was circulated to councillors and appears at the end of these minutes.
  - b. End of Year Accounts – the end of year accounts have been approved without query but await the signature of the Director of BDO who is on holiday at the moment.
  - c. It was proposed by Cllr Leszczynski and seconded by Cllr Bull that the Fairport Ticket revenues this year will be added to the fund for the footpath to Cropredy project: this was agreed unanimously. Cllr Tomlin will send a thank you letter to the organiser of Fairport who allowed the Bourtons enough tickets to raise £4,240 this year. A letter will be sent to Cropredy Parish Council asking for their support and financial contribution for the footpath project. Grants are being sought, in the first instance, through the recently published notice by OCC- It was queried whether OCC may now be more amenable to allowing us to commission the work ourselves in the face of more budget cuts – Some councillors feel that cost savings might then be made. Highways have previously determined that this would not be possible.
7. Matters Arising from the previous minutes:

- a. Poors Land – Community Bus service update. It was reported that numbers of passengers for the Community bus have slightly decreased so it was noted that there are probably enough funds to keep the bus running until at least to the end of the year, at the current level of usage.
- b. Clerk vacancy – the Parish Clerk of Aston le Walls has expressed an interest and she will be invited to the next Parish Council meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Allotments – One allotment has been resigned and the next person on the waiting list has taken over the allotment. There is no one on the waiting list at the moment: at least one more allotment will become vacant in October so those wanting an allotment should contact any Councillor.
- d. Bus-shelters – the council have invited Louise Harrison to revisit the Bourtons with a view to identifying appropriate sites for the new bus shelters. The council are keen to follow up this project as soon as possible in order to take advantage of the grants which may still be available but which may be cut with OCC's planned budget reductions. The council have ring-fenced £6,000 for bus shelters.
- e. Weeds in the garage area of South View have been reported as needing attention; Cllr Upton will contact the estates department at CDC to deal with this problem.
- f. It was noted that the hedge adjacent to South View has not been cut for some years and was planned to be cut last year. Landowner and tenant will be contacted.

8. Planning:

- i. Application 10/01047/F (retrospective) Badgers Terrace, The Close - rear conservatory – no objections.
- ii. Outstanding permission for two houses in Pinson Close instead of the Shop with flat above, is still awaited as is the adherence to the Section 106 requirement to contribute to the LB playground area and provide the bus lay-by. This remains with the legal department at CDC. Cllr Tomlin to contact Graham Lewis at Avoncroft Homes for clarification of their position.
- iii. Notice of decision re the Manor in Manor road – this application has been approved by the planning department with attached conditions.
- iv. Notice of decision re The Old Swan, Swan Lane – this application has been approved with attached conditions.

9. Date of next meeting – Monday Oct 4th 2010

Meeting closed 21:20hrs.

Signed (Chairman) .....

Date .....

BOURTONS PARISH COUNCIL	
Up to date financial situation as at 6 <sup>TH</sup> September 2010	

Barclays account: £4,282.85 as at 9 <sup>th</sup> August	£ 4,282.85
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Nat West Current Accounts: as at 30 July 2010

Current Account	£11,550.60	11,550.60
Clock Account	£ 3,006.75	3,006.75
Reserve Account	£11,787.21	11,787.21

<b>Total funds held at the Bank</b>	<b>£30,627.41</b>
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Provisioned:

Footpath to Cropredy	£13,480.00	<i>(includes £4,240.00 for this year)</i>
Bus Shelters:	£,6,000.00	
Playground (LB) funds:	£,7,151.70	

Total provisions	£22,391.70
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Disposable funds	£8,235.71 (Including clock account)
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