

BOURTONS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of meeting held on Monday Oct 5th 2009

7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Those Present: Councillors Leszczynski, Bull, Prew, Stanley, Thompson and Tomlin.

1. Public Time The 100 club numbers were drawn 1st prize No.8 and 2nd prize No. 23, we do not have the names of the winners. There were two member of the public present. The state of the land at the back of the Plough was raised and the situation regarding the condition of some of the allotments was discussed.
2. Apologies received from District Cllr Atack and County Cllr Reynolds
3. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th Sept 2009 were agreed and signed.
4. There were no declarations of interest.
5. Correspondence
 - a. Annual Cherwell Parish Liaison Meeting – It was noted that the next meeting is on November 11 beginning at 5.45pm. Councillors will advise the clerk if they wish to attend the meeting so that places can be booked.
 - b. ORCC audit of Community Transport in Cherwell District – a short questionnaire was completed during the meeting and will be returned.
 - c. Fly-tipping information pack has been received and posters put on notice boards.
6. Finance –
 - a. Current situation: The current account holds £10,710.48 after having paid the bill for Alcocks toward the village hall redecoration. The Reserve account holds £11,781.33 and the clock account £3,005.25 totalling £25,497.06
 - b. Barclays Bank Account should be operational by the end of this month. It was agreed to open the footpath account at Barclays.
7. Matters Arising from the previous minutes
 - a. Field behind The Plough, Little Bourton. The clerk has been advised that CDC are looking into the situation and will report back. They may liaise with the planning department.
 - b. Poor Land Trustees – clerk to contact charity commission and ask if the charity can be dissolved so that the Parish Council can take over the management of the Poores Land. Cllr Bull reported that the revenue from the Poores Land is not now sufficient to cover the cost of the Community Transport. Although funds held at the moment will pay for the transport till the end of the year. [Currently £3.00 per person per return journey, approx £100 per month]
 - c. Allotments. Clerk to continue the process to terminate the tenancy agreement with one allotment holder. Cllr Stanley to arrange a meeting with all the Allotment holders to discuss the setting up of an Allotment Association so the allotments can be managed by the tenants themselves. It was proposed by Cllr Leszczynski and seconded by Cllr Stanley that the allotment year be changed to begin in October. It was agreed also that new tenants coming onto the neglected allotments in October will have the first few months free of charge thereby ensuring that all tenants half-year payments at the same time in April will bring them to new Oct 2010 payment. Clerk will write to all the Allotment holders regarding the changes and forthcoming meeting.
 - d. Local Transport and Bus shelters: Cllr Tomlin has drafted a letter to Geoff Amos and this will be circulated before despatch. Cllrs Leszczynski and Tomlin met with Louise Harrison from Highways to discuss and view possible locations for bus shelters. Louise promised to get back to us promptly but no correspondence has yet been received. Siting near the Bell Inn in Great Bourton was discussed and whether or not there is a possibility of combining the shelter with a smoking shelter with the pub – although this means providing a shelter on two levels. In Little Bourton clarification needs to be sought regarding ownership of highways land adjoining that of the housing developers. Clerk will chase Highways if nothing forthcoming by Friday next.
 - e. Playgrounds update: Cllr Stanley submitted a report on the GB play area. All outstanding points from his last report had been rectified but it was noted that the original seat has been moved and it was debated as to whether it should be reinstated. Clerk was asked to get Alcocks to quote for the reinstatement of the seat, since they are working in the village at the moment.
 - f. Footpath to Cropredy: Clerk liaising with Cropredy with the intention of setting up a committee. All things are in place to apply for grants, subject is on Cropredy's Parish Council meeting agenda this week.
8. Planning:
 - a. Application 09/00478/F permission refused by the Planning Committee, letter being circulated.
 - b. Application 09/00570/F Land adjoining N of M40 and East of Little Bourton – Environmental Agency [Flood Alleviation Scheme- Cherwell Valley] – Dist Cllr Atack who joined the meeting at 8.35 pm reported that this application is likely to be on the Planning Committee Agenda on 22nd October and that information regarding this application should be on the website on the 16th October.
9. Date of next meeting Monday 2nd November 2009