

BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Meeting held on Monday January 5th '09

At the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr Drury (Chairman), Cllr Bull (V-Ch.), Cllr Leszczynski, Cllr Prew, Cllr Tomlin
District Cllr Atack and County Cllr Reynolds. Parish Clerk Sue Upton.

Public Time: There were no members of the public present
'100 Club draw' 1st prize 47 – Sue Upton 2nd prize: 50 – Mercross Electrical

1. Apologies received from Cllr Stanley.
2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Nov 18th '08 were agreed and signed.
3. There were no declarations of Interest.
4. Matters Arising:
 - a. Dog Bins – new dog bin has arrived and Cllr Tomlin will talk with the closest residents in the Swan Lane area before installation.
 - b. Farm bird-scarer's – Dist Cllr Atack has consulted with CDC and responded to this complaint and awaits further information from the NFU regarding this matter.
 - c. Footpaths- as OCC have confirmed there will be no further work on weeding footpaths in the Bourtons, the clerk was requested to investigate the costs of a contractor carrying out this work. (Note 1)
 - d. LB Playground – the installation of the playground is nearly complete and Cllr Leszczynski was complimented by the chairman on the final project. Payment on grants is now in process. Adult-sized picnic shelter, picnic table, refurbishment of seat and bin, new notices and hedging still to come and the car parking area needs some crushed stone to complete. Cllr Leszczynski reported that the Annual Returns for 2007 and 2008 to the Charity Commission have been completed, and that this re-establishes the Parish Council as the official Trustee of the playground and not individual councillors.
 - e. Local Transport update – Dist Cllr Atack thanked Cllr Tomlin for her work on the local transport report and commended the quality of her research. The outcome of the responses from the parishes concerned is awaited.
 - f. Church Tower Clock update – a quote of over £9,000 had been received to mechanise the clock and was considered too high by the council, unless grants could be obtained. The installation of an electricity supply will be an additional cost. The clerk had contacted Mr Downer who has suggested another company who can be approached – the clerk will pass on these details to the chairman, and to Julian Aldred who will continue his investigations on our behalf.
 - g. Little Bourton development – Information has been received that the developers will not be proceeding with the remainder of the development in the near future. Cllr Leszczynski is keeping in touch with Bob Duxbury, (CDC planning) , regarding the section 106 agreement. It appears that there are moves to change the trigger points for the payment of section 106.
 - h. Delegation of responsibilities – the chairman distributed his list of council responsibilities and asked councillors to consider the areas for which they might like to take responsibility.
5. Financial report:
 - i. Half year accounts – an I & E account was presented by the Clerk
 - ii. 2009 Budget for precept – a budget document was presented. (attached for information) It was noted that the reserve amount in excess of £11,000 is allocated to the footpath project (£5,000) and it was agreed that a further £6,000 be provisioned for bus shelters if the new bus route determines the need for them. It is also recognised that the village hall committee have requested support for the redecoration of the hall in 2009 which will be an extraordinary cost to the Council (Note 2)
 - iii. The council agreed to increase the annual precept by £500 taking it to £7500 – this was proposed by Cllr Bull and seconded by Cllr Leszczynski.
 - iv. The clerk reported that the banking ombudsman had accepted all the documentation supplied by B PC regarding our longstanding complaints against Nat West plc. Further clarification is being sought by the Ombudsman from Nat West Bank.

5. Correspondence: All correspondence had been circulated to the councillors
6. Planning: Outstanding issues with Planning Department/Highways
 - a. Footpath to Cropredy – a site meeting had been requested again in respect of survey and path specifications.
 - b. Road and pavement repairs – the clerk had spoken to Mark in the highways department who asked us to submit a parish review of highways conditions as we did last year. The Clerk will submit this before the end of February. Cllr Drury undertook to survey and photograph faults in Great Bourton and Cllr Leszczynski to do the same in Little Bourton. The clerk will report on Foxden Way.
 - c. Application: No. 08/02458/F – further developments on the parcel of land OS 3873 between Cropredy and Great Bourton were reported and Cllr Atack will contact the planning department regarding this. A decision is awaited regarding the retrospective planning permission submitted for a second access. It was noted that the paperwork for this application was inaccurate, the plan shows a neighbour's land as part of the application and the accompanying paperwork has not been completed correctly.
 - d. The clerk will contact Louise Harrison again about the possible installation of temporary speeding signs. Cllr Reynolds gave the council a résumé of the history of the allocation of temporary signs – the clerk will contact highways regarding this and chase up our correspondence regarding the temporary measures in place on Main Street.
7. Next meeting Monday February 2nd '09

(Note 1: It has subsequently been ascertained that CDC have the responsibility of cleansing footpaths if they have become dangerous because of weeds or mud.)

(Note 2. Estimates received so far in connection with the re-decoration of the exterior of the hall suggest that the final figures may be in the region of £1,500.)

(Note 3: The council will be reviewing its communication regarding the minutes and other information at the February meeting, following new legislation regarding the freedom of information act issued in December 08 regarding local government)

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PLEASE NOTE; THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN VIEWED BY SOME OF THE COUNCILLORS PRESENT AT THE MEETING BUT HAVE NOT BEEN AGREED. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES REGARDING THESE MINUTES PLEASE CONTACT THE CLERK ON 01295 758398 OR E-MAIL TO THE PARISH COUNCIL'S E-MAIL ADDRESS: bourtonsparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk
