

BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10 Sept '08

Public Time: Mr Chris Bates attended, to bring a serious parking matter to the attention of the Council. Cars parked on the grass verge between Cropredy and Great Bourton during Fairport weekend presented a serious hazard to pedestrians and other vehicles. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

We were joined by two PCSO's who had dropped in to update us on their latest activities. They advised us that Police surgeries will be held in Cropredy on the first Wednesday of each month. Dates and venues may vary so information regarding these will be published in the broadsheet and on the website (www.bourtons.net)

'100 Club draw: First prize Number 22
Second prize Number 99

The meeting commenced at 7.48pm

1. There were no apologies.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 9th July '08 were agreed and signed
3. There were no declarations of interest.
4. Matters Arising:
 - a. **Allotments:** All allotment plots have now been allocated and tenancy agreements and receipts will be issued by the Clerk. There will also be an Allotment review meeting on October 8th and invitations will be sent to allotment holders to attend.
 - b. **BT Phone boxes:** An extensive document in support of retaining the phone boxes listed for removal, has been submitted to BT by the District Councillor, Ken Attack, We await their response.
 - c. **Burial Ground** – gates will be mended shortly.
 - d. **Dog Bins:** it was agreed that a new dog bin should be purchased (£149 incl fittings) and be sited on the Manor road side of the church in order to prevent people from using the bin outside the church. It was also suggested that the bin outside the church, which is still being used for dog waste) be re-sited away from the church tower or taken away..
 - e. **Footpaths** - OCC (Mark Gregory) has been informed that the pathway is in the school travel plan and one of his colleagues is looking into grant opportunities. Highways will make a site visit shortly and determine a new specification and pathway plan.
 - f. **LB Playground.**- latest ROSPA report sited some swings as dangerous and Cllr Prew agreed to take these out of action. Grants are inline with purchasing requirements for the new playground development.
 - g. **Local Transport** –still delays with the new bus timetables and Dist Cllr Attack will provide clerk with an up to date situation. It was felt that a meeting with the directors of Amos' would produce successful results more quickly.

- h. **ROSPA inspections** – all completed with action required as above in Little Bourton
- i. **Shoe recycling** – A request has been received to determine a site for shoe recycling in the parish. It was agreed that the school is probably the best site for this. Clerk will raise this at the school governors' meeting later in the month.
- j. **Website** – excellent progress has been made and information being collected from each of the parish organisations. The Parish Council are grateful to Jakub ?? and (others) who have been constructing the website and organising its hosting.

5. **Accounts** –

Up to date Income and Expenditure Account was presented:
Bank update: Bank complaint has been lodged with the Ombudsman, it was agreed that we should open another account with Barclays Bank

6. **Correspondence** – a letter had been received from a family in Little Bourton outlining the following:

Overgrown hedgerow on the exit road from Hanwell onto the main road: Clerk to contact Mr Hall regarding this.

Appalling state of the allotments – will be addressed at the allotment review meeting.

Poor visibility exiting Little Bourton onto the main road. Clerk to make the developers aware but suspect that there won't be much that can be done to improve the current situation.

- 7. **Councillor responsibilities:** The chairman had drawn up a list of Parish Council responsibilities and councillors have been asked to report back at the next meeting regarding their chosen area/s of responsibility.
- 8. **Strategy plan:** The chairman explained what he envisaged in terms of a strategy plan for the council over the next 3/5 years. The plan should assist with the operating budget and ultimately the precept decision.
- 9. **Planning:** There were no further planning applications requiring response.

Date of next meeting 8th Oct 2008 – 7.30pm in the Village Hall

THERE WILL BE AN ALLOTMENT REVIEW MEETING BEGINNING AT 7.15 PM PRIOR TO THE MAIN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, ALLOTMENT HOLDERS WILL BE INVITED AND BE WELCOME AT THE MEETING
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