

BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 8th Oct '08
Village Hall at 7.15pm.

The Allotment Review Meeting preceded the Parish Council Meeting
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Public Time: Mr Chris Bates attended again to check that the Council had acted on the information he presented at the previous meeting. It was explained that queries brought to the council during public time at one meeting are put on the agenda for the next meeting and was on the agenda this evening, as part of point 6.

'100 Club draw' 1st prize – No. 19 2nd prize No.16

1. Apologies were received from Councillor Stanley
2. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th Sept '08 were agreed and signed. It was agreed, that in future the draft minutes would be circulated to councillors before inclusion in the Bourton Broadsheet.
3. There were no declarations of Interest:
4. Matters Arising:
 - i. Allotments - The notes of this meeting have been circulated to allotment holders. An allotment management committee has been formed. It was agreed to serve notices to those allotment holders who are not keeping their plot in accordance with the terms of the tenancy agreement. This was proposed by Cllr Tomlin and seconded by Cllr Prew.
 - ii. Dog Bins – Cllr Tomlin agreed to contact the dog warden regarding the location of a new bin which is proposed for Swan Lane. It was agreed that the litter bin outside the church should be moved and will be re-installed in the playground.
 - iii. All hedgerows which were obstructing footpaths have now been cut bar one. The Clerk is liaising with Highways on this. Clerk will also ask Highways if they have any equipment, they can lend/give us to deal with this year's growth of weeds on the pavements in order that we can carry out the work ourselves.
 - iv. Little Bourton Playground – Agreement needs to be made with suppliers to ensure that prices are strictly adhered to and cannot change. Some equipment may need to be moved from the proposed location to avoid any extra costs. Work expected to commence by 20th October. Clarification is required regarding the 106 agreement.
 - v. Local transport – Little progress on this since the last meeting.
 - vi. Shoe recycling – it was originally suggested that a shoe recycling unit be placed in the school grounds but since they have extensive building work about to take place it would not be convenient at the moment. Clerk will suggest the recycling

company contact the Cropredy sports and social club where there are recycling units already in situ.

- vii. vii Website – development still progressing and there had been good feedback from people who were prepared to update pages for their specific organisations. Michelle had volunteered to update the village Hall page.

- 1. Church Tower Clock – Julian Aldred is working on this project to establish what is required to install a motor to wind the clock automatically.

5. Accounts –

- i. Up to date Income and Expenditure Account was circulated to the councillors – current account: £7,110.64 reserve account: £11,733.65 and clock account: £2,993.10
- ii. Bank update – a letter has been sent to the Ombudsman who is investigating our case against Nat West and mandate papers have been sent from Barclays to open our new accounts with them.

6. Correspondence:

- 1. Car Parking during Fairport weekend – Clerk will write to Gareth Williams to eliminate the possibility of cars parking on the grass verges between Great Bourton and Cropredy, next year.
- 2. A questionnaire had been received from Trudy Pomfret (school governor) as part of the improvement plan for the school in Cropredy – Cllr Drury will deal with this.
- 3. Car parking problems are also still being experienced in Little Bourton with vehicles parking on the Plough side of the road adjacent to the building site. The developers should be parking on site but this is not happening. The enforcement officer will be contacted to see if the situation can be improved as currently it presents a safety problem turning in and out on the junction with the main road.
- 4. Information has been received from the Society of Local Councils and the Parish Clerk requested that two publications be purchased: updated legislation for Parish Clerks and latest information for Parish Councillors. This was agreed
- 5. PC Morris has responded to our requests for temporary speed limit signs and the Police liaison officer contacted the Clerk to enquire about which were the most pressing problems in the parish. We have requested the mobile speed camera to monitor the speed of traffic up and down Main Street particularly at peak periods. Cllr Leszczynski asked if we could again request a 50 mph

speed limit on the A423, especially in view of the new housing development. This will be the 8th request to OCC for this restriction.

7. Planning:

- a. Hanwell Planning Application – CDC have applied to develop the area which had previously been turned down for development. It was agreed that we should support Hanwell in their efforts to curtail the development. It was agreed that we should comment on the Hanwell Development. It was noted that Hanwell has been changed to a category B area but has only has a public house and no other amenities. It was noted that the development planned for Bankside in Banbury has not yet started. There is also a development site proposed coming towards Little Bourton (400 houses and some commercial areas which will come up to the bottom turn to the crematorium and all across to the motorway to encroaching on Little Bourton.
 - b. Rural Strategy – Cllr Tomlin would draft a letter to Kevin Larnar about this – the reply date has been extended by a further two weeks.
 - c. The development for Prospect House has gone to appeal. A vote was taken and the council agreed to send a letter in support of the application.
 - d. Councillors are concerned that the positioning of the houses being built in Little Bourton, does not allow enough room for the proposed landscaping area, bus pull-in area and pavement. Clerk to raise this with the planning department.
 - e. The clerk would request a parish plan meeting in North Oxfordshire rather than attend the one planned with a South Oxfordshire venue.
8. Date of next meeting planned for 12th November 2008 but was changed to Tuesday 18th November as it coincides with the Parish Liaison Meeting at Bodicote House.