

BOURTONS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday Sept 7th 2009

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

1. Public Time: Clerk will liaise with Village Hall re the 100 club draw. Numbers will be available for the draw at the next meeting.
2. Apologies were received from Cllr Prew.
3. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.
4. There were no declarations of interest.
5. Correspondence:
 - a. Complaints have been received from residents who overlook the field behind the Plough Inn in Little Bourton. Site has been visited by the officer from the Abandoned vehicles department at CDC but no follow up report has yet been received. Planning confirmed that the only conditions on the site are related to the planning application concerning the conversion of the red brick outhouses to offices. (Note 1: department of anti social behaviour may follow up on this).
 - b. Church Clock – information has been received and circulated regarding an electric winding mechanism for the Church clock. The cost of this, together with the installation of the correct power supply was deemed unnecessary at this time but will be reviewed annually.
 - c. Village Hall– notification had been received that the village hall boiler may need replacing in 2 – 3 years time. It was agreed that we wait until such time as the boiler needs replacing before any financial provision is made. Council reserves together with an appropriate grant from CDC should ensure that the boiler could be replaced when necessary.
6. Finance –
 - a. Current situation – The current accounts holds £10,710.48, the Reserve Account £11,781.33 and the Clock Account £3,005.25
 - b. Barclays Bank Account – New information has been forwarded to open the new accounts at Barclays. It was agreed to hold a separate account for the footpath project holding large funds in the Reserve account increases our professional fees for audit. Clerk asked if the council would agree to her contacting CDC to request that Parish Councils which receive less than £10,000 could have a different audit arrangement. Our audit fees take a large percentage of our precept.
 - c. Revised end of year accounts have been amended to take out the VAT element from the income amount as requested by BDO.
7. Matters Arising from the previous minutes
 - a. Poor Land Trustees – Charity Commission will be contacted regarding the Poor Land Trust. Cllr Leszczynski will organise the charity return for Little Bourton playground.
 - b. Allotments – suggested amendments have been circulated to allotment holders to change the tenancy year and make other improvements. It is hoped that an allotment association can be set up to enable better running of the allotments. Cllr Stanley had visited the allotments and met with some allotments holders to establish the current position. Another meeting with allotment holders suggested for discussion about the allotments. Cllr Stanley has also lagged the water pipe at the allotments, which froze up last year and caused a leak.
 - c. Local Transport and Bus shelters: Planning has been contacted regarding siting of bus shelters: we have been referred to Louise Harrison who will contact us on her return from holiday to regarding a meeting. She will apparently liaise with bus company re stops.
 - d. Cllr Tomlin would now be contacting Geoff Amos directly regarding requested improvements to the bus timetable following the report and final timetabling from Steve Howell's department.
 - e. Website update – demonstration of the website at the fete had been much appreciated and special thanks were to be sent to Jakub Deka, Amanda Winston and Paul Drury for all their work in connection with the website and the day's event.
 - f. Playgrounds – a site meeting had been held in the GB play area and it was agreed to plant further screening in the area alongside the stream. Clerk to progress the siting of notices to prevent children from blocking up the stream. Cllr Stanley had prepared a detailed report regarding the playground. His findings agreed with the latest ROSPA report and would be addressed.
 - g. Revised information is still awaited from Digleys, the company who carried out the LB playground inspection.
8. Planning:

- a. Application 09/00478/F OS Parcel 3873 – Mr Lapper: Preparations were in hand to present information at the Planning Committee on the 10th September. Cllr Tomlin will prepare a verbal presentation on behalf of the Council, Brian Cannon will also be speaking about the impact of local drainage and Mr Howard will be speaking about the effects of the development on their adjoining land.
 - b. Application 09/00570/F Land adjoining N of M40 and East of Little Bourton – Environmental Agency [Flood Alleviation Scheme- Cherwell Valley] A response has been sent to the Planning Department regarding this application. The scale and scope of the proposed works will be plainly visible from Little Bourton and will also have an effect of the level of noise from the motorway. The Council are working with Dist Cllr Atack to find out as much as possible regarding the plan.
9. Date of next meeting Monday 5th October 2009. The Agenda for this meeting will be posted on the village notice boards and on the website.

Signed

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