

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 6.30 PM ON WEDNESDAY 23RD MARCH 2022

PRESENT: Bourton Parish Councillors: Andrew Cattaway (Chairman), Peter Williams (Vice Chairman), Kevan Barton, Mike Chapman, Simon Firbank, Guy Nelson, James Peddle, Eve Wynn (Bourton Parish Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Belinda Ridout, Fran Gillett, Paul Curry

ATTENDING: Three members of the public.

21.216 OPEN FORUM / QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

- The drain on the main road at Badgers Close was attended to by Dorset Council last week.
- The plans on planning application P/FUL/2021/04282 are still incorrect on the Dorset Council planning portal.

21.217 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Nil

21.218 DRAFT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

The February minutes were approved without amendment.

21.219 REPORT FROM BELINDA RIDOUT, DORSET COUNCILLOR

BR had submitted an updated report recently forwarded by the Clerk to all councillors.

A copy of the report can be found on the Bourton Village Website <https://www.bourtondorset.org/> and on the Bourton Parish Council Facebook Group.

21.220 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE FEBRUARY MINUTES

- Item 21.202.1 – Bourton Mill. SF raised concerns about potential damage to Bridge Street likely to result from the extensive truck movements that removal of the stockpile material will entail. ACTION: Clerk to raise this matter with Highways officers. Done. NB Cllr Barton reported that the tarmac trench on the bridge is sinking. Further Action: Clerk to report this to Enrico DiMarino at Dorset Highways.
- Item 21.203.4 – Community Grant (1) Clerk to reimburse Mr Peter Manley with £50 immediately. Done. (2) AC to request further information from PM on cost of new Christmas tree lights.
- Item 21.205 – Policies. Clerk to circulate the final tranche of (4 x) policies to enable due consideration prior to the March BPC meeting. Done for 3 out of the 4 policies (see 21.226 below).
- Item 21.206.5 – Jubilee Bunting. SF to provide information on the nature of Jubilee bunting available from local manufacturer. Done.

21.221 COMMUNITY SAFETY

21.221.1 Speed Watch Team

Sheila Williams reported that the Team were active again. The eastbound-traffic SID has been moved to West Bourton Road.

21.221.2 Crime Figures for North Dorset

The Clerk reported that crime figures can be found at [Your area | Police.uk \(www.police.uk\)](https://www.police.uk/)

21.222 VILLAGE HALL

KB read the following report compiled by Heather Ransley, Chair of CIO Trustees: “The March Quiz Night organised by the Church was very successful with around 80 quizzers attending. The Village Lunch was also very well attended this month so much so that we almost ran out of soup! The next lunch will be Monday 4th April. The next film will be the crime/drama Stillwater starring Matt Damon on Wednesday 13th April. On Thursday 2nd June, more than 1500 beacons are to be lit across the UK including our own on the Church tower to mark the start of the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We are planning a pre-beacon lighting family event at the Hall from 5pm – BBQ and bar, coffee and cake, perhaps face painting and lantern making –proceeding to the Church at around 9pm to see the beacon being lit. The Bourton September Show will be held at the hall again this year on Saturday 3rd September.”

21.223 PLANNING

21.223.1 Applications Received:

Application: P/LBC/2022/00389 & P/FUL/2022/00388, **Proposal:** Demolition of existing garage. Erect 1 No. dwelling and formation of 2 parking spaces **Location:**. 1 Lilac Cottages, Silton Road Comment Deadline: 25th March. Following discussion PC members decided that they were content for this application to be approved by DC.

21.223.2 Planning Application Update. PW summarised the current situation in relation to the following recent/outstanding planning applications:

Application No.	Address	Application summary	Status – 23.03.2022
P/2019/1529/FUL	Bourton Mill, Bourton	Erect 20 No. dwellings	'Under officer consideration'
P/OUT/2021/05444	Land north of Old Pound Court	Erect 7 No. dwellings, new vehicular and associated parking	'Under officer consideration'
P/OUT/2022/00060	Voscombe Farm, New Road, Bourton	Demolish existing barn and erect 8 No. dwellings	'Under officer consideration'
P/FUL/2021/04282	Land West and South of Sandways Farm, New Road, Bourton	Erect 30 No. dwellings, construct village hall with parking area and provision of wildlife area and public open space	'Under officer consideration'
P/FUL/2021/02065	Land at E376510 N128610 West Bourton Road to Depley Farm	Continue use of land to site mobile home	Application was refused on 2 Feb.2022. PW has appealed to DC officers for them to serve an Enforcement Notice on the applicant, otherwise this matter is likely to drag on until at least August 2022

21.223.3 Bourton Mill Update

No update.

21.223.4 Dorset Council Local Plan

No update.

21.224 FINANCE

21.224.1 – Monthly Report: balance on account as of the 17th March 2022: £29,115.64

21.224.2 – March Accounts to be Paid: None

21.224.3 – Accounts Received: None.

21.224.4 – Grants and Donation Requests Received: None

21.224.5 – NALC Pay Award “the 2021-22 pay award effective 1st April 2021 was finally settled. This is a 1.75% increase and requires backdating to 1st April 2021. Hopefully the timing of this news allows councils to make the necessary changes in time for payroll cut off in March”. PW proposed that the Clerk’s salary scale should be increased by two scale points (from 20 to 22); AC seconded; agreed by all councillors present.

21.225 DEFIBRILLATOR

The Clerk reported that there was a slight problem with the defibrillator and that she would contact Julia Doel at SWAST. The Clerk also reported on the need for another machine to be placed somewhere near the school or church. ACTION: Clerk to research cost and report this at the April meeting.

21.226 PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES

MC proposed the following two policies be adopted; AC seconded; agreed by all councillors present.

- Child and Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Policy –reviewed by MC
- Community Grants Policy – reviewed by MC

ACTIONS: 1) Clerk and FG to finalise the review of the Financial Regulations Policy. 2) KB to inform the Clerk of his recommended changes to the Playground Inspection Policy so that these final two policies can be adopted at the April meeting.

21.227 THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

AC reported that Reverend Ben is to leave his post before the 2nd June and that Margaret Martin is to co-ordinate these events. Silton are to do their own Beacon lighting/celebrations. KB volunteered to help PW co-ordinate the beacon lighting for Bourton.

21.227.1 Jubilee Bunting. SF show cased one of the six flags he proposed to purchase and display at the two village gates. It was agreed not to purchase bunting for the village as a whole. PW and AC also agreed to purchase bunting to decorate the village gates.

21.228 WILDLIFE AND HABITATS

In the absence of BS, MC reported that the barn own boxes have been built, with one of them to be placed in the vicinity of Footpath 11. A village litter pick is scheduled to take place sometime in March/ April as part of the national 'Spring Clean'.

21.229 HIGHWAYS

The Clerk reported that the speed petition documents have now been collated. FG has asked that these be scanned. GN volunteered to take this task on. ACTION: Clerk to deliver documents to GN.

21.230 BENCH

PW reported that the trustees of the Bouton and Silton Charity had sourced a bench which would cost £930 plus VAT; PW said he had sourced another design of bench which would be more in keeping with the surroundings and that it would be inappropriate for the charity to bear the additional cost (approx. £150) and that he may need to invite the PC to contribute this extra amount.

21.231 FOOTPATHS

No update.

21.232 FACEBOOK

The Clerk reported that there were now 99 members. GN suggested that the group settings be changed to public so that anyone could join the group without being approved. The Clerk said she wouldn't want to run the group if there was no control over who could join and that the main reason she had stopped posting any PC related information on the two other Facebook groups was due to the inappropriate comments on those two forums. It was agreed that the Facebook Group remains as it is.

21.233 INCREASE OF LITTERING WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Covered under item 21.228

21.234 SOURCING OF AN EXTRA LETTERBOX

MC reported that once permission had been given by Sovereign Homes for the placement of the postbox, Livemore (company responsible for new letterbox permission) would then pass judgement on whether or not there should be an extra box. Gillingham Sorting Office staff have confirmed that they would be happy to take on the extra collection.

21.235 CORRESPONDENCE

- Email complaint regarding walkers using Footpath 11 and not keeping their dogs under close control, with incidents reported of dogs running around the adjoining gardens. **MC volunteered to install the necessary signs either end of the footpath.**
- Email from Helen Graiser, North Dorset Scouts, inviting a member of the Parish Council to walk with the scouts St Georges Day Parade on Sunday 24th April. **AC volunteered to be there as a representative of the PC.**
- Email from Dorset Council to inform about the temporary closure of West Bourton Road to commence from 09:30am 11th April 2022 until 27th May 2022 this will be a 24-hour closure. **Information has been published on the website and Facebook.**
- Email complaint from Mr Anthony regarding a blocked drain on Main Road near Badgers Close, claiming that BPC have not acted on this issue for over 4 years. **Drain issues have been dealt with by Dorset Highways.**
- Email complaint from Mr Haynes. **AC reported that this had been a complaint towards the behaviour of one of the Parish Councillors. A redacted copy of the complaint had been forwarded to all councillors prior to the meeting. AC said the complaint was a matter for the Dorset Council Monitoring Officer as the PC has no powers in this regard.**
- Email from a resident volunteering to run a book-swap in the old telephone box. **The PC supported this offer. Action: Clerk to contact resident.**
- Email from a resident regarding the issue of inconsiderate parking on Breach Close and the damage this is causing at the small, grassed roundabout. **KB suggested the involvement of the local PCSO. The Clerk invited local residents to email her so that she could collate these comments and then forward them to the PCSO.**
- Email from Jane Frederick (St Georges Chair of Governors) regarding the grass cutting maintenance of the play area in the school field. **The Clerk reported that she was waiting for contact from the school with further details of what maintenance was involved.**

21.236 ANY OTHER MATTERS

KB raised the following matters:

- 1) The increase in depth of the tarmac trench on Main Road bridge over R.Stour; Clerk to report to Enrico DiMarino.
- 2) Kerb and road damage on Mill Road at the junction with Main Road; as above.

3) Where is the PC with regards to the comment made by Councillor Gillett of councillors having personal pecuniary interests in reference to the Sandways site planning application? AC explained that Councillor Gillett had not made a complaint about personal pecuniary interests and the Gillett's objection to the Sandways planning proposal had not suggested that the trustees had a personal pecuniary interest. AC said this issue had already been addressed by Jonathan Mair (Dorset Council Monitoring Officer) and that any suggestion that councillors who were also trustees of the Village Hall CIO had a personal financial interest in the proposed New Village Hall is totally unjustified, unproven and therefore the matter is now closed.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50 hrs.

Chairman:

Date: 23rd March 2022

Note: The minutes will be reviewed and formally ratified at the meeting on 27th April 2022