

MINUTES OF BOURTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM ON 12TH MAY 2014 IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: The Chairman of the Parish Council, S. Firbank who chaired the meeting, 5 Parish Councillors, 7 members of the Public; P. Williams acted as secretary.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The Chairman advised that the Minutes of the last meeting had been published and were available on line.

Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council

- Welcome. Last year at this time I introduced the Neighbourhood Planning Group (NPG). Undoubtedly the most important aspect of activity in our Village these last twelve months has been the time-consuming hours spent by many members of the community carrying out research for the NPG. We should all applaud their work and look forward to a successful conclusion to this mammoth task.
- Running in parallel throughout this period has been the continuing work of the Village Hall Management Committee in their endeavours to finalise a suitable site for a new Village Hall.
- Wind turbines have taken a back seat this year although their less obtrusive cousins, solar arrays, have been springing up all around us. Government wind and solar policies continue to confuse.
- The Parish Website is being used much more this year and our thanks go to Nick Hall for all the time that he spends up-loading and editing items for this very useful means of passing on Village News.
- Bourton Mill continues to proceed slowly. Outline planning S106 agreements and the conditions attached thereto have been completed and an optimistic start-time for demolition could be in August of this year.

Parish Council Accounts

Draft accounts for 2013-14 were presented. The Chairman explained that the accounts were due to be discussed and formally accepted at the next Parish Council meeting, to be held on 19 May 2014.

Bourton and Silton Charity Accounts

The Bourton and Silton Charity is an amalgamation of a number of smaller charities which makes grants to needy residents. The Chairman provided a summary of the fund's activities for 2013/14: Receipts totalled £981.72; Disbursement totalled: £950.00 (£450 to individuals, £500 to organisations).

Village Hall

The Acting Secretary informed those present that VHMC would be holding its AGM on 2 June at 7pm and that all were welcome to attend.

Open Forum

Parish Records

Mrs A. Ambrose asked if parish records have now been transferred to Dorchester. The Chairman confirmed that this was the case, with the exception of historic planning applications which had been destroyed (by burning).

1st World War Commemorative Craftwork

Mrs R Hounsell informed those present that the wall hanging, which is being knitted / crocheted by several members of the local craft group, was progressing well. It will measure 42ins x 37ins and will contain the names of all servicemen from the parish who were killed during the 1st World War. It is intended that it will be presented to St George's Church at the commemorative

service being held on Sunday 3rd August. The display will be accompanied by a folder which will contain relevant biographical detail on those individuals whose names appear on the wall hanging.

Broken Dog Bin

Reference was made to the broken catch on the dog bin adjacent to the Main Road / Mill Lane bus shelter. The A/Secretary advised that this had been reported to Dorset Waste Partnership by the Clerk and that remedial action was awaited.

Dead Badger

The presence of a dead badger opposite Breach Close was reported to the meeting. The A/Secretary advised that he had reported this to NDDC at 9am on 12 May. (Carcass has now been removed).