

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00 P.M. ON MONDAY, 27TH OCTOBER 2014**

PRESENT: S Firbank (Chairman), G Miller, D Lawes,
A Miller, P Williams, J Morgan, L Jones and I.McVie (Clerk)
APOLOGIES: M Withers, C Price.
ATTENDING: 7 members of the public and Andrew Cattaway (County Councillor).

14.142 OPEN FORUM

SF welcomed everyone to the monthly meeting and introduced Jenny Morgan as the co-opted Councillor and thanked her for volunteering for the role. He reminded all present that the 'Open Forum' is an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make statements. Once the 'Open Forum' is concluded the public are present to watch and listen to proceedings only.

A member of the public asked for an update on the progress of the village gates and whether such gates slow car drivers down. SF informed the meeting that the gates had been delivered and we were awaiting confirmation from DCC for the date to erect the gates, paint 'slow' signs on the road and re-paint all markings around the school. He also reminded all that the parish council had one volunteer to be part of speed watch, but were still seeking a volunteer to be the 'speed watch' coordinator. The member of the public volunteered to be part of the speed watch group and would speak to the other volunteer to see if this could be progressed. SF thanked her for this offer. AC stated that he had been at a recent speed watch presentation by Dorset Police and was very impressed with the procedures and process; he stated this may be something the village may want to see and hear.

A member of the public asked when the street lighting was going to be turned off from midnight each day. IM confirmed that the parish council had been informed this will happen in October and if it does not he will follow this up with Southern Electric who are completing the proposed work.

A member of the public informed the meeting that there had been fly tipping in the two lay-bys into the village from Wincanton. She confirmed this had been reported and SF confirmed that this had also been reported to the Dorset Waste Partnership by the clerk (Reference number 10100091987)

14.143 DECLARATIONS of INTEREST

S. Firbank declared a personal interest in Bourton Mill (neighbour).

14.144 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

GM asked that line six at 14.122 is amended to read £4.6m. GM also asked that line one at 14.126 is amended to read 2013 and 2014. All present agreed these amendments and agreed the minutes were accurate. The amended September minutes were signed as a true record.

GM further stated that he wished to clarify one point from the item in the September minutes concerning the Electoral Boundary Commission recommendations. In that the proposed new Motcombe and Bourton Ward will be a 'two member ward' and reminded all present of the history of the commission arriving at this recommendation. AC stated while he did not dispute the history it is important to note that this new two member ward will include Bourton, Motcombe, Silton and the rural part of the current Milton on Stour ward, with the urban part of the Milton on Stour ward becoming a part of the Gillingham ward. SF thanked everyone for this information.

14.145 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

SF confirmed the following actions had been completed:

IM confirmed the new bench had been ordered including the ground fixings and anti tamper bolts, which will be delivered this week and he will arrange the fitting and removal of the old bench.

IM stated that he had only received one quote for the completion of the cemetery wall repairs along the east side adjacent to the cottages. He stated that the next step would be to either broaden the search for quotes with an advert in the Blackmore Vale or, if councillors were satisfied that the existing quote is value for money, they could progress the work without the need for any further quotes. Following a discussion it was agreed by all to progress the works from TA Green as per the original quote.

Proposed by PW, Seconded by LJ and agreed by all.

ACTION: IM to inform TA Green to complete work as agreed. (Note: Action completed 28/10/14).

IM confirmed that training dates were provided, item discharged.

SF stated he had sought advice on the cleaning of the marquee and following discussion it was agreed that this item be discharged and brought back to the April 2015 meeting.

SF informed the meeting that NDDC had been informed of the appointment of Jenny Morgan as a co-opted councillor and the website updated. Item discharged. IM confirmed that all other actions had both been completed and confirmed on the September minutes or were an agenda item.

14.146 REPORTS BY THE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

AC (County Councillor) stated he had one item for update concerning footpath 11 and agreed to do this later in the meeting at the footpath agenda item.

GM confirmed that the NDDC partnership working with West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland district councils to meet the future budget shortfall is likely to take place in the spring of 2015. He provided an update on the introduction of Superfast broadband. There was a general discussion during which it was confirmed that there could be some disruption to residents existing telephone and internet provision whilst the installation process is completed. SF confirmed that he is placing information cards that provide the website address so that individuals can keep themselves updated as to the progress being made. The website address is www.dorsetforyou.com/superfast

14.147 PLANNING MATTERS

14.147.1 Applications received.

PLG1189/14. Wood View, Mill Lane – Erect a single storey extension. Planning Sub-Committee had no objections and NDDC had been informed.

14.147.2 Applications granted - None

14.147.3 Applications withdrawn - None

All applications can be viewed on [dorsetforyou](http://dorsetforyou.com) planning portal or via the village website.

14.147.4 Bourton Mill

SF stated that the owner was meeting with a potential partner on the site later in the week and would keep the council and parish updated as to any progress.

PW informed the meeting that one of the buildings in the site had collapsed and that the flimsy security fencing was now in an appalling state with access to the site being very easy. He stated that the danger to anyone trespassing on the site had increased.

ACTION: SF to contact owner and if possible meet with him on site this week. IM to ask the NDDC enforcement officer to inspect the site. IM to contact the owner's agent to repair the fencing.

(Note: All actions completed on 28/10/2014 and the owner is visiting the site on 29 or 30/10/2014).

14.147.5 Solar/Wind/Photovoltaic Sites

PW stated there were no further updates at this time.

14.148 FINANCE

14.148.1 Accounts to be paid

S.Firbank	Mileage	£304.60
I.J. McVie	Bench and fittings inc. VAT	£540.32
JACS	Village gates inc. VAT	£3296.16
DAPTC	Training (Bring your Chairman)	£30.00
PCC Upper Stour	Magazine advert cost	£ 5.50
DAPTC	Training (Planning)	£ 50.00
P. Cowell	Cemetery Cut	£149.00
I.J. McVie	Bin and signs for cemetery inc. VAT	£172.19
Inspire Conservation	Clean and repair to WW1 War Memorial.	£1483.62

Proposed by PW, Seconded by AM and agreed by all.

14.148.2 Accounts received

NDDC. Second half (2014 to 2015) precept payment. £13,278.48

14.148.3 Grants and Donations

14.148.4 2014/2015 Accounts

IM updated the meeting that the 2014/2015 second quarter accounts are completed with a balanced account and that they will go to the independent auditor, Mr.B.Martin for checking. SF confirmed he had signed the accounts and each councillor was provided with a copy.

14.149 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

SF confirmed that the NPG were progressing the EIA and that the NDDC had in place an individual dedicated to supporting and advising neighbourhood planning groups.

14.150 NEW VILLAGE HALL

PW reminded the meeting that the parish council had agreed the preferred site for the new village hall some 18 months ago and that at this stage we are no further forwards in progressing this project. Following a discussion it was agreed by all present that the current process having to be completed was frustrating. PW confirmed that the VHMC are due to meet Hillary Ritchie for a half day on 4/11/14 to discuss how to prepare for serious fundraising, once the current neighbourhood planning process is completed.

14.151 TRAINING

SF informed the meeting that the DAPTC are prepared to come to Bourton and deliver training to all councillors and any nearby councillors interested in joining the session. The cost would be the same with an additional cost of mileage for the DAPTC staff attending. The meeting was keen to do this and PW suggested this should be done after the 2015 elections as there may be a change in councillors. This was agreed by all.

ACTION: IM to inform DAPTC (Note: Action completed by e mail on 28/10/2014)

14.152 FOOTPATHS

SF invited AC (County Councillor) to provide an update on footpath 11. AC stated that the DCC had completed all possible research in relation to the legality and route of footpath 11. He proposed that a small sub group be created involving DCC, the Parish Council and all interested parties, including landowners to see if an amicable solution could be found and brought back to the Parish council for agreement. This proposal was agreed by all at the meeting.

ACTION: SF to discuss with AC and arrange a sub group to progress matters, preferably amicably. AC updated the meeting concerning the application for the new footpath within Bourton at Mill Rise. He stated that while the application was being progressed but it will take some time due to the need to meet legal requirements and the current workload of the department progressing it.

PLEASE NOTE Any member of the public can contact DCC on the dorsetforyou, footpaths section and report a problem on line.

14.153 HIGHWAYS

GM asked if the parish council would write to Somerset County Council concerning a poorly marked and dangerous junction within the Cucklington Parish Council area but is used by many residents from Bourton and surrounding parishes such as Penselwood. AC proposed that he be copied into this and he would also arrange for a letter to go to SCC.

ACTION: IM/SF to write to Somerset County Council and copy to AC. (Note: Action completed Somerset County Council, Highways dealing reference number E183151540707 refers).

14.154 TRANSPORT

SF confirmed there were no new updates.

14.155 COMMUNITY SAFETY

SF confirmed there were no new updates.

14.156 CORRESPONDENCE

07/10/14	Dorset Police Crime Comm.	Advert for public meeting Shaftesbury Town Hall 9/10/14 - Website
07/10/14	DCC	Flood (SUD) consultation document - Flood Warden, Chairman, Website
07/10/14	Dorset Police	Update on station closures - All Councillors and website
07/10/14	DAPTC	Information on access to PCC funding already aware - Filed
07/10/14	Cranborne Chase AONB	Newsletter on future funding opportunities - Chairman and VHMC
18/10/14	Dorset Police Crime Comm.	Public survey and advert for a meeting - Website
18/07/14	Local Govt. Boundary Comm.	Information on electoral review - Already on Notice-boards. Filed
18/07/14	Environment Agency	Advert for meetings to show future flood plans for county - Website
18/07/14	DAPTC	Information relating to 'Fields in Trust' - Filed
18/07/14	NDDC	Team Brief - All Councillors and website
18/07/14	Cranborne Chase AONB	Reminder of forthcoming event - Already dealt with, filed
18/07/14	Healthwatch Dorset	Newsletter - Website
18/07/14	Dorset Community Action	Information for clerk - Filed
27/10/14	DCC MWDF	Newsletter for planning for waste and minerals in Dorset - Website
27/10/14	Dorset Waste Partnership	Confirmation of fly tipping job reference 10100091987 - Filed

Please contact the clerk if you require any further information.

14.157 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SF stated that he would be arranging for the cemetery gates to be repaired and re-painted and that IM had arranged with the Commonwealth War Graves Commission the placing of signage to inform people that the parish cemetery contains two war graves.

PW asked if any progress had been made to repair and renovate the road side milestone marker within the village. SF stated this had not been progressed, but felt that the Mere blacksmith might be able to quote for the necessary work if provided with the relevant line drawings (as prepared by Nick Hall).

ACTION: IM to progress with Nick Hall.

GM informed the meeting that he had seen in other parishes the cleaning and repair of the larger village footpath fingerposts such as the one at West Bourton crossroads. He asked if the parish council would arrange for this to be done in Bourton.

ACTION: SF to progress and report at next meeting.

SF asked if the December 2015 meeting date could be changed to Monday 14th December 2015.

ACTION: IM to change date (Note: Action completed 2015 dates sent out and website amended).

SF reminded the meeting of the Bourton and Silton Charity had advertised in the latest Upper Stour Parish magazine for any applications for charitable grants.

14.158 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2014

14.159 SF thanked everyone for attending and formally closed the meeting.

Chairman: S.Firbank

Date: 27th October 2014

Note: The minutes will be reviewed and formally ratified by the BPC on 24th November 2014

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