

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.00PM ON MONDAY, 20TH AUGUST 2018**

PRESENT: M Martin, M Chapman, P Williams, M Withers, T Heaton, A Cattaway, E Wynn (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: I McVie, A Miller

ATTENDING: 12 members of the public.

18.58 APOLOGIES – AS PER ABOVE

18.59 OPEN FORUM

Two members of the public registered their objections to planning application 2/2018/0952/FUL at East View Farm and commented that the extension currently being built is not in compliance with the planning application. The existing tree seems to change position on each revised application and some residents of Badgers Close asked NDDC for a Tree Protection Order to be placed on the tree but one of the Tree Officers from NDDC reported that the tree is not of a quality to have a TPO due to damage caused by the landowner. MM suggested that the issue of the new roof is a matter for an enforcement officer to deal with and PW said this was already in hand (ENF/2018/0159). Another member of the public reported that the big pot hole on Kites Nest Lane had now been filled in with rubble by the developers but this could only be a temporary solution until properly repaired. The MoP thanked JM and MW for their involvement in arranging to have the issue temporarily resolved. AC reported that the weeds along the kerb side of the road under the A303 bridge will be addressed this week by DCC. A MoP proposed that the councillors put forward a vote to purchase something in recognition of SF's service to Bourton.

18.60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

18.61 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The June minutes were agreed as an accurate record and were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

18.62 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Oil Spillage – JM reported that the EA had a good idea where the source of the oil leak was and they will be arranging for fliers to go to local householders. JM said the smell of oil seemed to have disappeared recently.

LGBCE – MW and MM confirmed that a letter had been sent. ACTION: EW to send copy to all parish councillors.

18.63 REPORTS BY THE DISTRICT AND/OR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

AC said that reports had been in the press about Christchurch Councils attempt to appeal to the High Court and this had cost in the region of £10,000 and their appeal had been thrown out of the court on the first day. Two unitarys are now set in concrete – Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and the rest of Dorset as the second unitary council.

18.64 PLANNING

18.64.1 Applications received

2/2018/0952/FUL Proposal: Erect 1 No. dwelling, form vehicle access. **Location:** East View Farm, New Road, Bourton, Dorset, SP8 5BQ. **Comment Deadline:** 2nd September 2018. MW's view was that these proposals were an over-development of the site. MW said that due to the documents not being available to view on the planning portal until only yesterday he would contact the councillors before the deadline for further comments.

18.64.2 Bourton Mill

JM reported that there has not been a lot of visible progress this month. Factory Hill is due to receive the final surface the week of the 27th after Bank Holiday Monday and should be open 2 weeks after that. Road widening and the construction of a pathway at the factory end of Bridge Street has begun. When Factory Hill is open then Wessex Water will close Bridge Street in order to connect the new water main. However, Bridge Street will still be accessible for residents during this closure which should only be in place for a couple of days. The compensation basin is still a work in progress and should be completed within the next two weeks. PW advised that C.Field Construction are intending to mothball the northern part of the site pending improvement in 'market conditions' as the sale of the initial 6 x dwellings is proving to be much slower than had been envisaged.

18.65 FINANCE

18.65.1 ACCOUNTS TO BE PAID

E Wynn	August wages: £403.62 (net) £20.50	£424.12
P Cowell	Invs 1539 (£240.00); 1540 (£60.00) 1541 (£273.60)	£396.00
HMRC	PAYE May £97.60; June £97.60; July £107.40	£573.60

18.65.2 Accounts received

Bracher Brothers	Cemetery Plot	£217.50
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Proposed by MM, Seconded by PW and agreed by all Cllrs present.

18.65.3 Grants and Donation Applications

None received.

18.66 NEW VILLAGE HALL

MC reported that the focus had mainly been on the proposed Community Workshop. Preparations had proceeded with a drone taking aerial photographs of both proposed sites and the output from those had been wonderful. Revised plans and proposals will be reviewed this week. In terms of people being able to view all of the information all of the time is very important and those not able to attend the workshop would be able to view all the information on the website and also available from the Clerk. The deadline for this information being available would be the end of September. The NVH group are now focusing on getting another new team together to focus on fundraising. MW thanked MC.

18.67 WILDLIFE AND HABITATS

MC reported that most of the landowners that had been contacted were happy for the wildlife survey along the River Stour. A litter pick on the verges was planned for the last two weeks of September and that volunteers were still needed for this. MC reported that all the necessary materials for the works on Public Footpath 11 had been delivered and works were to start as soon as ground conditions allowed. Concerns re the bees along the verges had been raised but MC explained that these were migratory Ivy bees that are solitary creatures and that they actually feed off the ivy.

18.68 HIGHWAYS

AC reported that he was in discussions with DCC Highways regarding driver's that are corner cutting the white hashed area on West Bourton road by the war memorial. AC also reported that as part of the resurfacing scheduled in Gillingham he will try and to get the top of Primrose Lane included with these works. PW asked if West Bourton Road could also be included as this was in a shocking condition.

18.69 VILLAGE TENT

PW reported that one booking had been received but that once the hirer had tried to erect the tent there were four panels and all ground bars missing. PW therefore reduced the fee from £200 to £150. The tent is now back and PW said that AM does a great job in keeping the tent on his farm and managing collections and returns. The Bourton Bash is employing the tent on the 25th August.

18.70 BOURTON VILLAGE DAY

SM reported that the Bourton Village Day has raised £1240.41. SM said that she is planning to organise a get together with interested parties to discuss how to improve the event but the question SM asked is does the village want to have this event again next year? SM requested that this item be put on the October agenda.

18.71 FOOTPATHS

TH said there was nothing to report.

18.72 COMMUNITY SAFETY

SW reported that the Speed Watch team took part in Operation Wolf which was an exercise held at the end of July involving the police, the 'No Excuse' team and many of the other Community Speed Watch groups from right across the country. We had a member of the Police Traffic Squad with us during that time who witnessed some of the poor driving standards in the area near the school and up to the top of the hill by the church. The aim of the exercise was not only to deter drivers from speeding but to also target those speaking on mobile phones or texting whilst driving. We undertook a 6am Speed Watch as there are a lot of heavy aggregate trucks, vans, lorries and boy racers at that time. Of the 32 vehicles monitored the results showed 12% of drivers were speeding. One vehicle was recorded doing 58mph past Sandways Farm and three others were caught well in excess of 45mph. The team goes out on average every week. The new equipment, which is still on loan, is highly effective. We hope that when we have to hand back the radar gun to Dorset Road Safe, the parish council will feel able to fund one for our use. The Bushnell Radar Gun is £182.46 (ex VAT).

18.73 CORRESPONDENCE

One letter received from a member of the public regarding speeding traffic within the parish. ACTION: Clerk to acknowledge.

18.74 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

18.74.1

Parish Councillor Vacancy – MW reported that the parish council had already co-opted Iain McVie. A notice had been posted in the village notice boards for the vacancy brought about by the resignation of SF. If no call for an election is by 22nd July then the parish council will co-opt another councillor.

School Playing Field – the Clerk said that a report had been received stating that 4 amounts of dog poo had been found in the school playing field. MM suggested that after the Village day, when the headmaster had given permission for dogs to be allowed on the field for that day only, that this might have lead some people to believe that they could use the field with their dogs? ACTION: Clerk to arrange for new signs to be made and placed on the gates and to also include a line in the parish mag and also the next St George’s newsletter.

DAPTC Request – MW said that the DAPTC had asked all parish councils for any relevant photos that specifically showcases the village. MC recommended one of the members of the public and PW said he would also send some in.

Asset Register – PW said this is an ongoing item and asked that it be included in the next agenda for the September PC meeting.

Brickyard Lane – MC said that the top end of the lane has some “stray” parking and due to this 3 out of the last 4 bin collections had been delayed. MC requested that yellow lines be put at the top of the lane to deter people parking there. AC said that there is a legal process to go through before requesting yellow lines but that DWP have smaller vehicles and AC can request that one of these is used for accessing Brickyard Lane.

The Bourton Bash – PW suggested that Alex Ross and Tom Shean would be delighted to see all those present tonight at the event on Saturday.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Monday 24th September at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

MW closed the meeting at 8.13pm

Chairman:

Date: 24th September 2018

Note: The minutes will be reviewed and formally ratified by the BPC on 24th September 2018

