

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2013**

**PRESENT:** S Firbank (Chairman), M Withers, G Miller, D Lawes, C Price, A Miller  
**APOLOGIES:** H Baker, L Jones, P Williams, M Howard, A Cattaway  
**ATTENDING:** H Ransley (The Clerk), 12 members of the public

**13.52 OPEN FORUM**

Minutes: SF said that he had received advice from many quarters on the subject of minutes and, at the end of consultation, the content and wording is the decision of the Parish Council. The minutes, as shown on the boards and website each month, are draft minutes. These are perused and amended by the Parish Council where necessary at the subsequent meeting. Finally, with Parish Councillors advice, SF said that it was his decision as Chairman as to the necessary steps to be taken. Where there are inaccuracies, these should be corrected. Otherwise the draft minutes become the minutes of the appropriate meeting.

Travel Timetables: R Hounsell suggested only 50-75 travel timetables be printed initially and these would go in the village shop, doctors surgery and Village Hall. The train timetable is due to change in May so they would be updated and printed after that. RH will laminate a couple for the bus shelters. RH to put an advert in the Parish magazine.

Parish Records: A Ambrose asked whether the parish records had been taken to the History Centre in Dorchester yet. SF still has 1 box of minutes which are useful to keep at the moment but he will take the rest to Dorchester.

**13.53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

S Firbank and C Price declared a personal interest in Bourton Mill (neighbours).  
M Withers declared a personal interest in the New Village Hall development (neighbour).  
G Miller declared a personal and pecuniary interest in the wind turbines at Holly Home.

**13.54 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

There had been some upset regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph in the Open Forum section of last months minutes. SF suggested removing 2 sentences starting from "None of the other members..." and removing the words "Others concurred and" from the beginning of a subsequent sentence. CP said she was embarrassed but would like it left in the minutes that someone had left the meeting.

*Proposed by DL and seconded by MW it was resolved to remove the 2 sentences and 3 words from last months minutes.*

**13.55 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

CP wanted it minuted that she had never said that in her personal opinion there should be 29 houses built at the Mill site.

Parking at Breach Close: HR had spoken to Paul West at Spectrum Housing but he had not seen any problems on his visits. He had asked a resident to send in photos of any problems but has not received anything so far.

Voscombe Farm: HR had spoken to DCC Highways. They did not have any record of the works in their schedule and they were due to call back with more information. HR to follow up with DCC Highways.

Website: SF to write to Jim Mann thanking him for all his work setting up and maintaining the existing website which has been appreciated by the whole community.

Foothpath Grass Cut: John Williamson to respond this week regarding funding for footpath cutting.

Awareness of Parish Council Activities: To be discussed at a later date.

Dog Mess: A poster has been chosen. HR to laminate a dozen copies.

### 13.56 REPORT BY THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

GM had spoken to Mr Howard at DCC Highways who reported that government had invested £2 million for pothole repairs and this was the priority for DCC Highways at the moment. GM had asked about a reduced speed limit around Bourton school. Mr Howard said that drivers could not be prosecuted for exceeding a 20mph limit so it was really a deterrent. There were no funds available at the present time to reduce the speed limit in Bourton. GM to find out about costs for putting up 20mph signs. It is possible to use a Speed Indicator Device (SID) to help reduce speed. GM said he thought that Gillingham Town Council had bought one. There is occasionally one on the hill by the church but it is shared with other villages.

GM advised that information on road works could be found at [dorset.roadworks.org](http://dorset.roadworks.org)

### 13.57 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

#### 13.57.1 Applications Received

The Parish Council Planning Committee are to meet to discuss these applications:

2/2013/0086	1 West Bourton Road	Convert existing garage to dwelling
2/2013/0193	15 New Close	Erect two storey rear extension

No objection to these:

2/2013/0387	Land at Forge Garage	Erect single dwelling and create a new access
2/2013/0283	Silton Barn, Mill Lane SP8 5DF	Erect single storey side extension

Furze Hill: GM says it is to be discussed at full committee on 23/04/13 and he believes officers have recommended it for approval. Silton are not objecting. Bourton Parish Council has objected as there are concerns that a fence will not be enough to reduce noise levels, parking will be an issue, access will be down a short, steep slope. Recycling Centre may be removed once the new waste collection scheme is in place. Use it or lose it.

#### 13.57.2 Permissions Received / Applications Withdrawn

2/2013/0204	2 Red Lion Yard	Replace windows & door & associated alterations	GRANTED
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#### 13.57.3 Bourton Mill

John Hammond says the S106 and reserved matters are being attended to. They are about 60% complete and expect to finish around end of June. BPC have made it known that they want to be involved sooner rather than later.

#### 13.57.4 West Bourton Wind Turbines

There is no update on the EIA screening for the West Bourton Wind Turbines on the [dorsetforyou](http://dorsetforyou) website. HR to make enquiries.

Solar park at Manor Farm, Silton: There is concern that this may be seen from elevated positions although the cells will be facing away from Bourton.

### 13.58 FINANCE

#### 13.58.1 Accounts to be paid

Helen Baker	Mileage for Superfast Broadband meeting	£29.70
M Withers	Mileage, Village Hall Hire	£150.94
S Firbank	Mileage Jun 2012 to Mar 2013 588 miles	£264.60
P Cowell	Cemetery grass cut	£170.00
P Cowell	Verges grass cut	£50.00
HMRC	Fine for late filing of Payroll Year End	£158.00

Community Rights Training Workshop: to be run by Sturquest on 22<sup>nd</sup> May at Sturminster Newton. Costs will be at least £45 per person. BPC agreed to provisionally provide for 1 person to attend.

*Proposed by AM and seconded by CP it was resolved to pay the above accounts and approve attendance for the Community Rights Training Workshop*

### **13.58.2 Accounts received**

None

### **13.59 NEW VILLAGE HALL**

H Palmer said that Proctors (architects) had passed the pre-planning application to NDDC some time ago but there had been no feedback so far. **GM** to follow up.

### **13.60 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANNING**

MW said: It is the Groups aim to contact volunteers to join small focus teams to gather information on a number of topics to inform the NP over the next few weeks. Subjects will include local education, community and leisure, healthcare, landowners, local businesses and environmental issues.

Over a similar timescale it is proposed to commence meetings with the local groups which were mentioned at the last meeting once the Group has agreed the format and the information required for those meeting.

The Group will also be meeting the Planning Policy officers at NDDC as part of a series of regular liaison meetings – these will include discussions on NDDC's emerging Core Strategy with which the NP has to be in line.

31 people responding to the questionnaire expressed an interest in having an allotment, 23 of whom provided contact details. There is 1 vacant plot in Zeals, 10 in Silton and 1 in Bourton. Interested parties have been contacted to see if they wish to take up these plots. GM thought there may also be 1 or 2 plots available in Penselwood.

Louise Shepherd has resigned from the Group following the completion of the first stages of the public consultation. Her increasing business interests and building work in her home has made it difficult for her to find enough time needed for the NPG where she has been the Treasurer. A contributory factor in her resignation was her shock and disappointment at the behaviour of one visitor to the recent public drop-in sessions. MW thanked Louise, on behalf of the group, for her valuable contributions. MW thanked Glynis Overington who has agreed to take over the role as Treasurer.

### **13.61 WEBSITE**

N Hall reported that there were still a couple of areas needing attention and the site may not be up for another month or so. H Palmer had spoken to Caroline who will be speaking to Chris Moorsom and will send material on to NH. Each page will have 1 person responsible for its' maintenance. NH is contacting local businesses. SF thanked NH for his hard work. If anyone has any information to go on the website, please contact NH.

### **13.62 GATES AT ENTRANCE TO VILLAGE**

If we pay for the gates then DCC will install them. There will be 4 gates initially. Bourton Fencing will make them. They will be painted white for visibility. The paint should last for 5 years. GM asked about insurance. They can be added to the property register. **HR** to ask DCC about the implications of accidents.

### **13.63 PLANNING POLICY DOCUMENT UPDATE**

Due to time constraints this was deferred to the next meeting.

### **13.64 TENT**

The tent is 12m x 6m and rental is £200. There is one booking so far for 8<sup>th</sup> June. **HR** to put advert in Parish magazine.

### **13.65 SKATE PARK**

HB's son and his friend have done some research and identified suitable equipment. They need to include the cost of preparing the ground in their calculations. All agreed that they would like them to present their findings to the Annual Parish Meeting on Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May.

### 13.66 CORRESPONDENCE

Please contact the clerk if you require any further information:

Date	From	Subject
27/03/13	NDDC	Concessionary Bus Pass Changes
28/03/13	Tasty Marketing	Invite to Councils: A Changing Future 19th April, Bournemouth
28/03/13	Julie Girling MEP	March Newsletter
02/04/13	NDDC	CPEND Minutes of 14th March
03/04/13	NDDC	Tree Council Bulletin
08/04/13	Dorset Community Action	Notice of Introduction to Successful Fundraising Course 14th May, Sturminster Newton
10/04/13	Simon Owens, Marnhull	Litter picking
12/04/13	CCWWD AONB	Survey & questionnaire
12/04/13	DAPTC	Operation Countryside / Rural Crime Prevention event on Fri 26th April at Kingston Maurward
15/04/13	GAVCLS	Notice of Gillingham Area Car Link AGM on 14th May in Gillingham Town Hall
16/04/13	Debbie McGrath, AMT	Getting to Grips with the Community Rights event on 22nd May in Sturminster Newton
22/04/13	DAPTC	AONB Management Plan Survey
22/04/13	DAPTC	Request on behalf of NALC for information on projects where smaller councils have linked up to work together.
22/04/13	Dorset Community Action	Survey on professional support required for community organisations

### 13.67 A.O.B.

Gillingham Car Link: SF to attend. RH advised there the setting up a hub to co-ordinate the different car link schemes was in the pipeline.

Police & Crime Commissioner: CP had spoken to Martyn Underhill, PCC. He would like to come and speak with the village and hear concerns. This is booked for 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

School Playing Field Ownership: F Attrill is following this up.

Tom Mitchell Salver: Thanks go to Ian Hounsell who has made a jolly nice box for the salver. Please pass any nominations to SF before the next meeting.

Slippery Road Surface at Depley Bends: AM reported that although it seemed to be fine to drive on, the road surface here is slippery for pedestrians and animals. **HR** to contact DCC.

Closure of Factory Hill/Bridge Street: CP advised that the bottom of Factory Hill will be closed from 13<sup>th</sup> May for approximately 5 weeks for sewer repairs.

Sewage Pumping Station: works will recommence on 7<sup>th</sup> May

Travellers Survey: SF gave AM a survey to complete

Electricity Supply: Following intermittent power cuts, SSE had now completed works on the sub-station in Bridge Street.

Phil Cowell Sponsorship: Well done Phil for completing the London Marathon in 4 hours 22 minutes and raising £1,300 for the Get Kids Going charity. (*Donations can still be accepted in person or online at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/PhilipCowell>*)

Jazz Evening: There was to be an evening of Jazz at the Village Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> June. Live music to be provided by the Sunset Cafe Stompers.

Annual Village Golf Tournament: This will be taking place at Bulpitts Golf Course on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Anyone from age 10 upwards can take part. Proceeds to go to St Georges' School.

### 13.68 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

**MON MAY 13<sup>TH</sup> 2013 AT 7PM**

**MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MON MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> 2013 AT 7PM**

Chairman: .....

Date: .....