

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7PM ON MONDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2012

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

12.121 OPEN FORUM

Traffic Calming Michael Salisbury said he had discussed traffic calming with Helen Baker today and was totally behind the scheme and would be happy to educate parents and children to slow the traffic and to encourage sensible driving and parking. They had tried to encourage parking on the main road last year but it had not been very successful. The school may take on up to 17 new pupils in each year group. Having once again attained status as the number 1 school in Dorset.

Peter Nathan voiced a concern about road crossing on the stretch between the garage and Bourton Fencing. He suggested a 40 mph sign with flashing lights or perhaps road humps.

St George's School Michael Salisbury reported that, once again, St George's School have attained the highest test results for year 6 leavers in Dorset.

Kites Nest Lane Hedgerows Peter Nathan was not happy with the hedgerow cutting. SF/CP had arranged for a local farmer to do it between harvesting. CP had cleared a lot of the debris herself and PN had also swept the road. CP reported that James Mann would prefer PN to contact him direct in future. SF pointed out that the responsibility for these hedgerows lies with the landowners.

Electric Point on the Green Nick Hall reported that some children had been tampering with the electric point. LJ had spoken to Steve Haskell who should be able to get a warning sign for it. LJ will fix it.

Breach Close and County Sign Ian Curry reported that the Breach Close sign had disappeared. This has already been reported to DCC and is scheduled for replacement at some point along with the County sign at the Zeals end of the village.

NORDCAT Shoppers Bus Ruth Hounsell reported that the shoppers bus scheme had been a complete failure. Although lots of people had agreed it was a good idea, only 1 person had actually taken it up. NORDCAT had said they would initially run the scheme for 6 months however it is likely that, because of the poor response, they will stop it early. SF thanked Ruth for all her hard work.

12.122 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Simon Firbank and Cathy Price declared a personal interest in Bourton Mill (neighbours).
Mike Withers declared a personal interest in the New Village Hall development.

12.123 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of 20th August 2012 were agreed and signed as a true record.

12.124 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING

12.124.1 Parish Website

HR and Jim Mann are progressing.

12.124.2 Millers Close

No satisfactory result from Spectrum and The Landscape Group so far. HR and GM to chase.

12.124.3 Garage at Yillbury

HR to follow up with NDDC.

12.124.4 Bourton Mill Safety

HR had been speaking to Stuart Lucas in Planning. He had spoken to Roger Smith at Ashley Design and had arranged for a contractor to come and demolish the unsafe wall. It does not appear to have been done yet. **HR** to speak to SL.

12.124.5 Gillingham Leisure Trust

Money has been set aside in the precept for this. This is the final year to be paid.

12.124.6 Roadside Weeds

SF reported that the main road gutters had been cleared but the side roads needed attention.

12.125 REPORT BY THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Andrew Cattaway reported that, in spite of budget cuts, the DCC Highways team had been awarded the Highways Service Team of the Year by the Association of Public Sector Service Awards.

AC also highlighted the CPEND event at the Olive Bowl on 4th October and encouraged all to attend.

12.126 PLANNING MATTERS AND APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

12.126.1 Applications received

None

12.126.2 Permissions received

None

12.126.3 Bourton Mill

John Hammond and Mark Wood had briefed the Parish Council on responses to their letter of 7th March which highlighted current concerns. Most of those concerns are expected to be covered by a Section 106 agreement or will be subject to conditions.

The main issues still outstanding concern the dam and the management company. There is expected to be another briefing meeting. The NDDC Development Management Committee meeting will be held in the Village Hall.

12.127 FINANCE

12.127.1 Accounts to be paid

HMRC	PAYE Quarter 2	£153.40
Cathy Price	Mileage for Snow Clearing Meeting	£33.30
Mr R Davies	Flyers for Neighbourhood Planning	£86.00
Phil Cowell	Invoice 337 Cemetery Grass Cut	£219.00
Phil Cowell	Invoice 338 Verges Grass Cut	£50.00

Proposed by DL and seconded by HB it was resolved to pay the above accounts

12.127.2 Accounts received

Hills Funeral Directors	Suter funeral	£138.25
Appleby & Childs	Suter family memorial stone	£80.32

12.127.3 Gillingham Leisure Trust

As stated earlier, this is in the precept and this is the final year for payment.

12.127.4 Playground Equipment

HB reported that the two toddler swings are in poor condition and need to be replaced. Taylor Made had quoted £94 + VAT + delivery to replace both swings

Proposed by MW and seconded by LJ it was resolved to approve this expenditure.

Andrew Sturt has a local contact who may be able to offer a competitive rate for the purchase and installation of suitable replacements. **HB** to follow up with AS.

12.128 NEW VILLAGE HALL

Proctors have now been instructed to draw up the necessary plans for the new site.

12.129 WIND TURBINES

The hearing had re-commenced on Tues 18th September and will run until the end of the week. SF encouraged all those who could to attend to show solidarity. It is hoped that a decision will be forthcoming by the end of November.

12.130 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

MW reported that the 3rd meeting had taken place. Nick Hall had been voted onto the committee. The meetings at the Village Hall on 16th October at 7pm and at the White Lion on 20th October at 10am will be advertised in the BVM, posters will be put up on the noticeboards and flyers will be included in the next Parish magazine. LJ suggested flyers could also be given to children at the school to take home.

MW has had a good response from the CPRE and from Planning Aid who offer free advice. NDDC will receive funding to help the plan: £5k once the planning area is approved and a further £20-£25k for the referendum and independent assessor.

12.131 COMMUNITY SNOW CLEARING

CP had attended a meeting regarding snow clearing which, as a result of localism, is being pushed down to local responsibility. CP gave an overview of the 2 schemes.

The County scheme will pay farmers to clear the main arterial routes. Roads will be cleared if there are 2 or more inches of snow on them. DCC experts will supply snow ploughs and will pay for any modifications that need to be made to fit them to a tractor. AM said Keith Harris was happy to continue in the County scheme.

Alternatively, each Parish may set up its own scheme for which it will be allocated £200 to cover all its needs. There would need to be a central co-ordinator and 4 or 5 snow wardens.

There are a number of issues still to be ironed out. DCC require a decision on which scheme the PC want to be in before the end of the month.

Proposed by AM all agreed to accept the county scheme

AC advised that some of the maps showing the main arterial routes were out of date. Previously only the main road up to the War Memorial and then down the West Bourton Road had been treated leaving the stretch of road up the hill past the school untreated. This has been changed to exclude West Bourton Road and instead the whole of the main road through the village out to the A303 is designated as a main arterial route.

Grit bins are classified as strategic or community depending on their location. Only strategic bins will be filled by DCC. A dumper bag of grit could be purchased to fill up the rest.

Proposed by CP and seconded by HB it was resolved to purchase a dumper bag of grit.

More information on Snow Clearing can be found at www.dorsetforyou.com/winter

12.132 TRAFFIC CALMING

This project was started 12 months ago when Andrew Sturt met with Andrew Brown of DCC Highways. Following that meeting, the Parish Council had drawn up a list of proposals for traffic calming in the village for discussion with DCC Highways but no progress had been made. This month, HB and HR had met with Sarah Sadler, Andrew Cattaway and Andrew Sturt to get the ball rolling again. HB, HR and SS had updated last years report based on the following:

- Roadside parking was thought to be the most effective means of slowing traffic. It was suggested that there were 3 areas where this could be implemented: at the cottages near the garage (where there is on road parking already); at Sandways cottages; at the old village shop.

- Gateways could be erected to mark the entry to the village. A pupil who is still at the school had won a competition to design a gate. HB had obtained a quote for £480 to make and install this.
- Road markings at the school entrance could be more clearly defined
- Street lighting levels were fine for the old A303 trunk road but excessive for a village environment. High levels of lighting may encourage faster driving.
- Removal of the hatched white lines was suggested by DCC Highways but no action was taken. The theory behind this is that drivers feel safer where the highway is clearly divided and will therefore drive faster

SF invited comments from the floor. Concerns voiced were mainly about roadside parking: large parked vehicles make it difficult for buses, tractors etc to pass; parked cars must have sidelights on in an over 30mph area; there would be higher insurance premiums for parking on the road. It was pointed out that the grassed area at Sandways was planted on top of the old road so it may be possible to create a proper layby/parking area reasonably cheaply.

AC said there were 2 criteria for testing for a reduction in the speed limit: accident record and average speed of traffic. Bourton does not score highly on either of these points. Priority is given to accident and more demanding areas. He had spoken to Andrew Brown at Highways and he was prepared to come and measure the speed again but the result will most likely be the same as before. The Parish Council need to propose simple traffic slowing measures so that Andrew Brown can come and discuss. Proposals can be costed and approved and put into the Highways work schedule.

HB and HR to finalise the initial report on traffic calming proposals. AC advised it be sent in the first instance to Myles Butler, DCC Director of Environment.

AC spoke briefly about the “30 Please” campaign. Signs can be erected on personal property but not directly on the highways.

Andrew Sturt said that any further suggestions be given to HB and HR.

12.133 CROSS BORDER/INTER PARISH LIAISON

SF is attending meetings and will report back on progress

12.134 CORRESPONDENCE

Please contact the clerk if you require any further information:

Date	From	Subject
21/08/12	DCC	Community Involvement in Snow Clearing - notice of meeting
21/08/12	CPRE Somerset	Newsletter
22/08/12	Dorset Community Action	e-Bulletin 37
24/08/12	DCC Highways	Dorset Highways Satisfaction Survey 2012-13 - closing date 19.10.12
25/08/12	Lester Dibben	Cross Boundary Issues - notice of meeting
28/08/12	Local Govt Finance, London	Council Tax Base Reform
29/08/12	DAPTC	Council Tax Base and Funding for Local Authorities
29/08/12	Stephen Harris, SW Wilts Community Area Manager	Wessex Cross Border Working Group
30/08/12	Wilts Environment & Resources	Wiltshire & Swindon Waste Site Allocation
30/08/12	DAPTC	Ice Melt Available
30/08/12	DCC	Countryside News
31/08/12	Jo Rose, CPEND	Invitation to presentation & exhibition of works - 7pm Thurs Oct 4th
06/09/12	DAPTC	Chief Executives Circular 08/12
06/09/12	NDDC Business Support	Notice of BVM advert and notices announcing reconvening of Public Enquiry into Silton Wind Farm
06/09/12	DCC	Community Involvement in Snow Clearing - revised policy
07/09/12	Chairman, Gillingham Neighbourhood Plan	Invitation to consultation - 9:30am Mon 22nd Oct
11/09/12	DAPTC	Council Tax Base & Funding for LAs - NALC explanatory note

17/09/12	Lester Dibben	Draft Minutes - Internal Gypsy & Traveller Strategy Group meeting of 26th July
17/09/12	DCC	Various documents concerning Snow Clearing/Farmers Snow Plough Scheme

12.135 A.O.B.

Traveller Sites – AM asked about the strategy plan. AC said that the consultation was still in progress. A final list of pitches will be made available in due course.

12.136 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 22ND OCTOBER AT 7PM

Chairman:

Date: