

BOURN PARISH COUNCIL**The minutes of the Meeting of Bourn Parish Council held on
Thursday 21 April 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs: Mr N Ball (Chairman) Mrs V Bruce
Mr R Ansell
Mr R Patel

In attendance: Roger Hume, Cllr Lister Wilson and Mrs K Baptie (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

Comments and observations from members of the public and from the County and District Councillors

Roger Hume introduced himself as an Independent Candidate standing in the Bourn Ward at the forthcoming local elections

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Smith (out of parish), Cllrs Galvin and Maclean, and District Cllr Hudson.
- 1.2 No declarations were received.

2. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting on 17 March 2011 and the extraordinary meeting on 14 April 2011

The minutes of the previous meeting on 17 March 2011 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman ^(Prop JM, 2nd NB), after the following amendment to item 3.1 to read '3 residents', and items 4.2.1 and 4.2.1 to read 'SCDC refused', and item 6.6 to record that Cllr Ball wishes to stand down as the allotment representative. The minutes of the extraordinary meeting have not yet been completed and will be carried forward to the next meeting.

3. Matters arising from the last meeting**3.1 (3.2) Dogs on the Playing Fields – to consider quotation for signs**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would order 2 signs, 1 for the entrance near Mr Deadross and the other to be installed near the new skatepark. Cllr Ball requested more information on Dog Control Status.

- 3.1.1 (3.2) Dog bins. The reply from Mr Harwood-Clark was considered and it was agreed to take no further action.
- 3.1.2 (5.3) Data Transparency and formal publication of spending over £500, the Parish Council would like a recommendation from the Clerk as to how best to do this and the cost implications to the Parish Council.
- 3.1.3 (7.2) CCC Bus Service Changes – following the outcome of the recent consultation, the late night bus service to Bourn will no longer operate.

4. To consider planning and tree work applications and any planning related matters**4.1 Planning applications and appeal notices**

None.

4.2 SCDC Decision Notices

- 4.2.1 S/0153/11 – Land between Blackmore Farm and Park Farm – creation of new field access for agriculture purposes. SCDC approved.
- 4.2.2 S/0105/11 – 14 Alms Hill – demolish barns. SCDC approved.

4.3 Tree Works Application

- 4.3.1 2 The Broadway – the Parish Council had no objections.

Cllr Wilson arrived.

A letter of complaint has been received from a parishioner about some trees which were cut down by a resident without permission. Cllr Ball will discuss this with the resident.

The Chairman agreed to vary the order of business and invited Cllr Wilson to give his report.

It was reported that following cuts in the budget, 1 Chief Officer had gone, and other redundancies were being worked on. The Localism Bill will give Parish Councils the power to set their own speed limits. It was explained that most of the costs for changing speed limits went on advertising in the press etc, but CCC are changing this and the costs will be reduced by advertising on the net. Cllr Wilson suggested that Bourn might be interested as a pilot scheme. Cllr Bruce will find out about it and take the suggestion to the next Highways meeting.

5. Finance, procedure and risk assessment

5.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills

The financial report was received and considered. The invoices, statements and bank statements were checked and the cheques, as detailed in the financial report, plus LGS Services £909.38, were signed by two members ^(Prop VB, 2nd RA). An additional invoice Mr Jolly £72(reimbursement hedging materials), was approved and signed ^(Prop RP, 2nd VB)

LG Stoehr (salary)	£121.48
NC Plumbing and Heating (Pavilion urinals)	£125.15
Eon (Electricity)	£110.36

5.2 Maintenance contract for Legionella control at Pavilion

Three quotations were considered and the one from Primec at £130 per annum for a 3yr fixed rate was accepted.

5.3 Street lighting

Having considered the various options, it was agreed to continue with energy via the County Council and Option 2 with Balfour Beatty at £18.98 per light.

6. Members reports and items and actions arising from any recommendations

6.1 Playing Fields

The new skatepark is now in place. There was a complaint that a strong orange light from the Indian Restaurant was reflecting off it at night. Cllr Ball had spoken with the restaurant owners who have agreed to change the bulb to something less glaring.

6.2 Parish Plan Working Group including Action Plan & Youth Group

The concrete pipe has been removed and the group is progressing well with the park and play equipment.

6.3 Caxton End Working Group

Cllr Ball together with Cllr Smith wish to arrange a meeting with Mr Dearman as soon as possible to discuss proposals for the site, and also the fact that he has pulled up more than 20 metres of Mrs Richmond's hedge.

6.4 Highways Working Group including report on HCV strategy meeting on 3 March ^(JH)

Cllr Bruce confirmed that the speed limit stickers are now out on the wheelie bins and at its last meeting the group were discussing ways to prevent HGV's coming through the village

6.5 Planning and Affordable Housing Group

The Parish Council is awaiting a pre-planning report from SCDC. Cllr Ball will chase Ms Newtead.

6.6 Allotments Working Group

Cllr Ansell has spoken to some allotment holders who have receipts for initial work carried out to make the plots usable. He will talk to the treasurer and ask her to submit them to the Parish Council.

6.7 Footpaths report

The footpath at the Drift has been cleared and a French drain put in and is much better now. The footpath at Brook Farmhouse has also been cleared back a lot and is much improved.

6.8 Report on SCDC Parish Liaison meeting on 29 March

Neither Cllr Ball nor Cllr Smith were able to attend the meeting.

7. To consider correspondence/communications received including

7.1 War Memorials Trust re listing of memorial

The Parish Council agreed that it was happy to have the war memorial listed.

7.2 Resident request for disabled parking space

In response to the letter from SCDC the Parish council had no objections.

7.3 CCC integrated plan for 2011/12 – message for town and parish councils

Noted.

7.4 Bourn Proms request for donation

The requests from the Bourn Proms was considered and in accordance with its powers under Section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, it was agreed that the Council donate £50 which, in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants.

7.5 Kingston Nature Reserve

In response it was agreed that the Parish Council would be willing to get involved.

7.6 Reply from SCDC re planning applications

The reply from Gareth Jones at SCDC was read and the Parish Council are in favour of his suggestion to dedicate a Parish Planning Forum to a workshop targeted at the implementation of policies that parishes are most concerned about.

8. Closure of meeting

There was no further business and the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.32pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)