

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING BOURN

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 17 May 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: 10 members of the public including parishioners and Parish Council members. In attendance: County Councillor Lister Wilson, District Councillor Alison Elcox and Mrs Kathleen Baptie (Minutes Secretary LGS Services)

Cllr Graham Smith presided.

1. **Apologies for absence**
Steve Jones, Mr J Hansford, Gill Pountain, Angela Marcham and PC Kevin Murphy.
2. **Minutes of the previous parish meeting on 19 May 2011**
The minutes of the last meeting were approved ^(Prop NB, 2nd VB) and signed by the Chairman as a true record.
3. **Matters arising**
None.
4. **To receive reports:**
 - 4.1 **Parish Council annual review for the last year¹ and the presentation of the audited accounts²(Graham Smith)**
Mr Smith read out his report which is appended in full to these minutes.
The Accounts for the Financial Year ended 2012 were presented by the Chairman who outlined the audit process and invited inspection by the public.
Q. A resident asked what will the Parish Council's defence be towards development on Bourn Airfield.
A. Mr Smith responded that he cannot anticipate the Parish Council's response until an application is put forward.
Q. The same resident asked the Parish Council to be mindful of the fact that the village do not want the bus link to be opened up on The Broadway.

The RFO's report was read out. The Accounts for the Financial Year ended 2012 were presented and inspection by the public was invited by appointment.
 - 4.2 **District Councillors (Cllr Alison Elcox)³**
Cllr Elcox read out her report which is appended in full to these minutes.
 - 4.3 **County Councillor⁴**
Cllr Lister Wilson presented his report which is appended in full to these minutes.
 - 4.4 **Police**
Report not received.
 - 4.5 **Bourn Flood Group**
Mr Ball reported that regular maintenance of the Brook was carried out once a year and the removal of Hogweed has also helped the flow.
 - 4.6 **Village Hall**
In the absence of a report, Mrs Bruce confirmed that the Village hall was running very well at the present time and that it had been repainted and had the floors sanded within the last year.
 - 4.7 **Bourn Sports Club**

Rob Bourn from the Sport Club reported that the annual income is approximately £10,000 and this covers all costs. There were between 75 and 80 families and this is now down to about 50 and approximately half of these do not live in the village. The Club recognises that it shouldn't be complacent as numbers are going down.

The biggest sport at the club is tennis and there is cricket coaching on Sunday mornings. As the school has got much stronger, the club doesn't need to provide so much coaching for the children.

Other events held at the Club are for the whole village and not just members, such as Bourn to Run and quiz nights.

There have been problems in the past with vandalism, but fortunately this seems to have ceased. Not sure if the reason for this is extra police presence or children growing up, but it is much more pleasant.

If numbers continue to decline, the committee will need to examine what residents would like out of the Sport Club, e.g. a Tennis Club. A survey of residents may be carried out in the future.

4.8 Bourn Parish Plan

Mr Ball advised that the Council need to look at the Localism Bill and to work with South Cambridgeshire District Council to achieve what it wants for the village. A Neighbourhood Plan would seem to be the way forward. This can be registered with the District Council and carries some weight.

4.9 Bourn Youth Project

The group has fulfilled what it set out to do. It has taken 5yrs to come to fruition and was not an easy task, but it was a very worthwhile project to come out of the Parish Plan. The group would like to say a huge thank you to the Parish Council for their help. Two grants were obtained to cover the majority cost of the project. There was lots of local help with landscaping, and Wicksteed Playscapes were very helpful to work with. The Human Sundial was a very successful community project.

The group will continue to fund raise in terms of raising money for the up-keep of the equipment. The group is willing to help with advice and sharing of knowledge if anyone else wishes to take on the Riddy Lane play area.

The Chairman thanked the group for all their hard work.

4.10 Parish Paths Partnership⁵

Angela Marcham's report was read by the Chairman in her absence.

4.11 Other

Bourn Primary School is really doing well and the numbers have increased from 130 to 190 and they will possibly reach their target of 210. This is entirely due to local demand as the school is very popular and is now an Academy.

Q. Was the path behind Manor Farm permissive in the Gilderslieves time?

A. It has been a permissive footpath since 2001.

Resident; Then surely it should always remain permissive.

Q. What is going to be done about the state of the roads, particularly Caxton End which is in a terrible state. The little holes keep being filled, but they are beyond filling now, it needs to be re-surfaced.

A. Cllr Lister Wilson will look into this.

Q. What is LGS as it takes up a large part of the precept?

A. The Chairman explained that this is the clerking and admin services.

Q. Why did the S137 money for grass cutting go down from approximately £1000 to £200.

A. Cllr Ball responded that the Parish Council wished to budget for other projects such as traffic.

5. To consider:

5.1 Resolutions of which written notice has been given

None

5.2 Other resolutions arising from the meeting

None.

6 Any other Parish Matters

None

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and there being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Signed _____(Chairman) _____(Date)

¹ Parish Council annual review for the last year

² Parish Council Financial report and accounts FY 2012

³ Report from District Councillor Elcox

⁴ Report from County Cllr L Wilson

⁵ Report from P3 Co-ordinator