

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING BOURN

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 16 May 2013 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: 16 members of the public including parishioners and Parish Council members. In attendance: County and District Councillor Mervyn Loynes, District Councillor Alison Elcox and Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk)

Cllr Nigel Ball presided.

1. **Apologies for absence**

None.

2. **Minutes of the previous parish meeting on 17 May 2012**

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)**

Copies of the annual report were handed out to all those present.

Cllr Ball's report included:

- changes to the Parish Council membership
- planning matters. He requested that the District Councillor support the Parish Council's wish that no further housing be permitted at Cambourne, and on its response to the Local Development Framework, and other contentious applications
- Traffic and parking, "hot spots" around the village and ways to improve the problem
- Water and flooding
- Social housing and the land being transferred to the Parish Council, to be discussed with residents. There will be a public consultation this summer about the proposed housing at Hall Close.
- Finance. The precept had been kept the same. A highways scheme would be a major project, as well as funding for a cinema at the community centre.
- Quality Council status
- Twinning with St Papoul
- Plans to plant a tree at the junction of Short Street and Church Street

The Audited Accounts for the Financial Year ended 2012 were presented by the Chairman who outlined the audit process and invited inspection of the accounts for the Financial Year 2013 by the public. Information about the change of external auditor was provided.

4.2 **District Councillors (Cllr Mervyn Loynes, Cllr Alison Elcox)**

Cllr Loynes, in his role as District Councillor, reported on issues relating to Cambourne including problems with the pumping station, which have been followed up with Anglian Water. SCDC have raised Council Tax by £5 representing increases from the Fire Service, Police and County Council. It

was reported that planning applications in Bourn had nearly all been approved by the Planning department.

Cllr Elcox reported on changes in the housing sector. There would be no lifetime tenancies.

Questions were invited.

4.3 County Councillor

Cllr Loynes informed the meeting of his recent election as County Councillor.

4.4 Police³

PCSO Alex Giltinane's written report was read in his absence (appended).

4.5 Bourn Flood Group

Covered in the Chairman's report.

4.6 Village Hall⁴

Ray Parcell's written report was read in his absence (appended). It was noted that an offer of solar panels had been received.

4.7 Bourn Sports Club

Gill Pountain reported on activities and forthcoming events.

4.8 Bourn Parish Plan

Nigel Ball reported on the 2009 survey. The Plan is to be reactivated, and will include working with the community centre, the cinema, and the car club. The implications of the Localism Act were outlined, along with Neighbourhood Plans, with input to be into the Local Development Framework, being the preferred route at present. Traffic issues were being pursued.

4.9 Bourn Youth Project⁵

Suzanne Armitage reported. The grant funds had paid for Frank Haxton to attend training for operational inspection. Problems had arisen with the half pipe. The Rock Solid Youth Club thanked the Bourn Shop for the kind donation. The report covered fund raising, the contribution to the Parish Council for maintenance of the play equipment, helping to look after the shrubs on the Jubilee Playing field. Dog fouling was a problem. It was noted that the Sports Club was also donating £500 per annum for 4 years' donations.

4.10 Parish Paths Partnership⁶

Angela Marcham spoke to her report which is appended to these minutes. This covered the impact of the weather on drainage; hardcore on the path by the bridge to the Brook, and boundary walks. Bourn Walking Group had been suspended due to a lack of interest. The Rights of Way team at Cambridgeshire County Council had made improvements to various paths in the village. Funding for the scheme had now ceased. Some one-off funding for projects was available from SCDC. The report also covered the reporting of problems via the website, field margins and protection for wildlife, farming and the environment. It was explained that where no public or permissive footpaths existed, there was no access, and everyone was encouraged not to exhaust the goodwill of landowners.

4.11 Allotments

More land is awaited as there is a waiting list. An article had appeared in the last newsletter.

4.12 Other

Twinning – A visit to St Papoul will take place from 12 – 14 July. The committee plans to organise a village event to view the Charter and hold a quiz to raise funds.

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

Sarah Algar commented on work done to Crow End path and work to the Right of Way near the School.

Sue Richmond referred to the outstanding Definitive Map Modification Order. Mr Peck has made an effort with Footpath 22. The waymarking board had not been replaced. Angela Marcham had taken this up with Cambridgeshire County Council who has stated it was not necessary to install another. Sue Richmond expressed concerns that any changes required an official order.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and there being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) _____ (Date)

¹ Parish Council annual review for the last year

² Parish Council Financial report and accounts FY 2012

³ Police report (PCSO Alex Giltinane)

⁴ Village hall report (Ray Parcell)

⁵ Bourn Youth Project report

⁶ Report from P3 Co-ordinator