

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING BOURN

### The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 18 June 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** 15 members of the public including parishioners and 4 Parish Council members. In attendance: District Councillor Alison Elcox, Mark Howells (Affordable Housing SCDC) and Mrs Kathleen Baptie (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services)

Cllr Neil Blair presided, and introduced himself and other members of the Parish Council.

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Nigel Ball (Flood Group), Head teachers from Comberton Village College, Police and Angela Marcham (P3 Co-ordinator)

2. **Minutes of the previous parish meeting on 16 May 2013**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved <sup>(Prop NB, 2nd VB)</sup> 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 year<sup>1</sup> and the presentation of the audited accounts<sup>2</sup>(Nigel Ball)**

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. The Council remains in opposition to the proposed developments at Bourn Airfield and West Cambourne.
- Traffic The Parish Council was successful in securing funding to reduce the speed limit at the Broadway and implementing speed limit markers.
- Water and flooding
- Social housing and the need for the Council to address issues with parking and congestion near the school before it can support a proposed social housing development at Hall Close.
- Finance. The precept had been reduced this year.

The Audited Accounts for the Financial Year ended 2013 were presented by the Chairman who outlined the audit process and invited inspection of the accounts for the Financial Year 2014 by the public.

4.2 **District Councillors (Cllr Alison Elcox)**

Cllr Elcox read to her report which included;

- Reduction in number of PCSO's from 195 to 150
- Cambridge Triathlon
- Disability Open Day
- Park & Ride charges increasing
- Free childcare for 2yr olds for low income families

4.3 **County Councillor**

None received.

- 4.4 Police  
None received.
- 4.5 Bourn Flood Group  
Covered in the Chairman's report.
- 4.6 Village Hall  
Vivien Bruce reported that it was ticking over nicely. The main source of income is the Little Hands nursery and the committee will be looking at some redecoration this year.
- 4.7 Bourn Sports Club  
None received.
- 4.8 Bourn Parish Plan  
None received.
- 4.9 Bourn Youth Project<sup>3</sup>  
Cllr Blair read to the report which is appended to these minutes. The report explained that due to rising insurance costs, it made financial sense to close the Youth Group as a community organisation and instead make it a working party within the Parish Council transferring all funds and assets. The funds have been ring fenced for youth projects
- 4.10 Parish Paths Partnership<sup>4</sup>  
Cllr Blair read the report submitted by Graham Bruce.
- 4.11 Allotments<sup>5</sup>  
Martin Rowley read to his report which is appended in full to these minutes. The Association has been going since 2010 and is hoping to increase its membership. A couple of new sites have been identified, but progressing these is a slow process. A number of social events have been held and thanks are expressed to those who supplied refreshments. Liaison with the school has worked well by arranging visits to the allotments for school children. A safety committee is responsible for ensuring the safety of its members and any visitors. There has been a recent change in committee members and Martin Rowley reported that he is now Chairman.
- 4.12 Bourn Airfield Development – Stop BAD  
Cllr Elcox read to her report, explaining the processes the Local Plan must go through with the Planning Inspector. The hearings are likely to take place in October.
- 4.13 Possible housing off Hall Close  
Cllr Blair reported that a need for housing had been identified in the Housing Needs Survey which led the Parish Council to look at various sites and Hall Close was considered a viable site. However the Council recognises that there are problems with parking in the area and is looking at ways to address these issues before it can fully support any development. Mark Howells (Housing Portfolio Holder for Housing SCDC) explained that affordable housing would first be offered to Bourn residents, or people with a Bourn connection and thereafter it would be opened up to others with a need. 2 residents raised their objections to the proposed development. They have concerns about traffic and safety of children. They have raised a petition objecting to affordable housing on that site. Concerns were also raised that the land is subject to flooding and therefore not a suitable site. A resident asked if 90% of the village were against the proposals would it be stopped. Cllr Blair advised that the Council

would certainly seriously consider the petition, but that it also has a duty to satisfy the need for affordable housing.

4.14 Bourn School<sup>6</sup>

Head teacher Christine Page's report on the School's activities was read by Cllr Blair and is appended in full to these minutes.

4.15 Twinning Group

Cllr Bruce reported that a tree had been planted in the centre of the village and that a brass plaque would also be installed there. The Twinning Group would like the association with St Papoul to be something the whole village could be involved with. The Bourn Church Choir will be going over later this year to sing in the Abbey with St Papoul Choir and it is hoped next year to invite their football team over to organise a match.

**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**

Des O'Brien asked if Mark Howells could provide a list of the proposed affordable housing plan for other villages in South Cambs.

A resident raised concerns about how steepness of the banks at the Brook and that this might pose a danger if anyone were to fall in. The Parish Council agreed to look into it.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and there being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

<sup>1</sup> Parish Council annual review for the last year

<sup>2</sup> Parish Council Financial report and accounts FY 2012

<sup>3</sup> Bourn Youth Project report

<sup>4</sup> Report from P3 Co-ordinator

<sup>5</sup> Report from Bourn Allotment Association

<sup>6</sup> Report from Bourn School