

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING BOURN

### The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 27 May 2015 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Present:** 6 members of the public including Parish Council members. In attendance: Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk)

Cllr Neil Blair presided.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from County and District Cllr Mervyn Loynes, Nigel Ball (Flood Group), Giles Nelson (Bourn Sports Club) Jan Burrell (Bourn Youth Project), and Angela Marcham (P3 Co-ordinator)

**2. Minutes of the previous parish meeting on 18 June 2014**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record, after amendments to change the date from 2013 to 2014, and under Item 4.13, delete “affordable” and change “Cabinet minister” to “Portfolio holder”.

**3. Matters arising**

The Parish Council had not heard anything further about housing.

**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>(Neil Blair)**

Cllr Blair reported on planning, councillors, play equipment, and the precept which was £31,123 for the year, the beneficiaries of the S137 donations, and the work of volunteers.

The Audited Accounts for the Financial Year ended 2014 were and the audit process was outlined by the Responsible Financial Officer. Changes to the process and the new transparency audit were explained. Inspection of the accounts for the Financial Year 2015 by the public was invited.

**4.2 District Councillors**

None received.

Cllr Des O’Brien was welcomed as the new District Councillor.

**4.3 County Councillor**

None received.

**4.4 Police**

None received.

**4.5 Bourn Flood Group**

Apologies had been received from Nigel Ball. It was observed that the Brook was blocked at Camping Close. This is to be reported to SCDC.

**4.6 Village Hall**

Ray Parcell reported. It had been 14 years since the hall had reopened following refurbishment. The Little Hands playgroup was the main source of income. The Hall would be closed shortly for a new floor to be laid. The finances were healthy. The hall operates on a commercial basis and rates have accordingly increased by 80%. It is extensively used by other groups and organisations.

**4.7 Bourn Sports Club**

None received.

**4.8 Bourn Parish Plan**

A Parish Council member is looking into developing a new Parish Plan or a Neighbourhood Plan.

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

Jan Burrell's report was read in her absence, covering the activities and roles and responsibilities of the members.

4.10 Parish Paths Partnership<sup>4</sup>

Angela Marcham's report covered routine maintenance issues, the cooperation of landlords, the use of the Rights of Way online logging system, additional funding for extra cuts for FP21 and FP10, and attendance at the annual CCC P3 meeting.

4.11 Allotments

No report had been received. The Chairman had been indisposed.

4.12 Bourn Airfield Development – Stop BAD

No written report received. The Examination in Public of the Local Plan had been suspended by the Inspector as it needed more work.

4.13 Bourn Twinning Association

Cllr Bruce reported that a twinning visit to France by approximately 20 people had taken place last year. The French representatives will visit Bourn in June and an international football match will be held with the Bourn Veterans. All are welcome. There is a committee of four, consisting of Mr and Mrs Bruce, and Mr and Mrs Jones. Other supporters help with fundraising.

4.14 Other

Bourn Church<sup>5</sup>

Rev Dr Alexandra Clarke's report, which is appended in full to these minutes, covered:

- The pattern of prayer and worship, including the new Oasis initiative; the Junior Church, Remembrance Services, Mothering Sunday, and special events such as the joint pet service with Longstowe.
- Music and the choir, including the choir trip to France
- Liaison with the School, the work of the governors, and the outstanding inspection.
- Children's activities and the summer holiday club
- The older children's group, confirmation preparations and youth work, including links with Comberton Village College
- The Bourn Nativity
- The work of two ordinands
- Pastoral Care, support for community groups and fundraising activities
- Special services
- The plans for toilet and refreshment facilities, the quinquennial report and building maintenance
- Thanks to the Parish Council for assistance with the costs of grass cutting
- Working with other parishes and changes in the Team

5. Questions or comments on any of the reports

None.

6. Resolutions of which written notice has been given

None.

7. Any other Parish Matters

The Clerk raised a question from Mr Tim Lawson in his absence asking about access from Cambourne to The Broadway. The Chairman reported that the Parish Council wished to obtain an access strip to prevent vehicle access onto the Broadway. McAlpine have put in a planning application for a cycleway which, whilst wide and landscaped, will be for cycle

and pedestrian use only. Cllr Bruce, member with responsibility for highways and for liaison with Cambourne Parish Council on this matter, reported that there was temporary access from The Broadway to Cambourne.

The removal of a post and its swift reinstatement was queried. It was explained that the post was reinstated as the route was being used as a temporary drag road.

Ray Parcell explained that he had been campaigning for 20 years to stop cars parking on the corner of Hall Close and the kerbs were being broken up. Cllr Blair reported that he and Cllr Rolfe had met with the School and the CCC officer. It was expected that double yellow lines would be installed. Legislation was changing so this would be at no or a lower cost. There would be a short section of yellow lines on the corner.

Mr Parcell questioned the suitability of more housing off Hall Close, due to problems with access and parking. He suggested if the defunct telephone box and tree were removed it would provide more space.

Cllr Blair had discussed the installation of white lining at the top of Church Street to enable wheelchair access to properties.

The Clerk invited suggestions for future meetings, explained the background to the Annual Parish Meeting, the requirement for charities to present their accounts, and the powers of the Annual Parish Meeting as the voice of the village.

The Parish Council is looking to spend £10,000 S106 money and the Chairman sought ideas from the Meeting for energy saving initiatives.

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)

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Reports are available on request from the Clerk

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

<sup>2</sup> Parish Council Financial report and accounts FY 2014

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

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

<sup>5</sup> Report from Bourn Church