

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING BOURN

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: 9 residents including Parish Council members. In attendance: Mrs Gail Stoehr (Clerk)

Cllr Neil Blair presided.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from PCSO David Jackson, Nigel Ball (Flood Group), Giles Nelson (Bourn Sports Club) Jan Burrell (Bourn Youth Project), Angela Marcham (P3 Co-ordinator), and Ray and Vanda Parcell (Bourn Village Hall).

2. Minutes of the previous parish meeting on 27 May 2015

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. To receive reports:

4.1 Parish Council – Chairman’s annual review for the last year and the presentation of the audited accounts (Neil Blair)

Cllr Blair reported on the Parish Council’s activities during the last 12 months. The Council had been more active. Councillors were thanked for their hard work and new councillors were welcomed. Highways successes, including the widening of the footpath on High Street opposite Chapel Bank, the grant for a 20 mph zone around Hall Close and Riddy Lane, and the painting of two “bus stop” signs on the road, were highlighted. A new bench on Alms Hill had kindly been donated by Bourn To Run. The report also covered the proposed development of the Broadway Public Open Space, and the beneficiaries of S137 donations. The precept had remained approximately the same. Thanks were expressed for the work of volunteers.

The Audited Accounts for the Financial Year ended 2015 were presented and the audit process was outlined. Changes to the process and the new transparency audit were explained. Inspection of the accounts for the Financial Year 2016 by the public was invited.

4.2 District Councillors

None present.

4.3 County Councillor

Not present.

4.4 Police

The Police report was read by the Chairman in PCSO Jackson’s absence. This covered the figures for crimes and incidents during the last year and the fortnightly Police Contact Point offering security advice and Police initiatives such as property marking.

4.5 Bourn Flood Group

The Bourn Flood Group report was read by the Chairman in the absence of Nigel Ball. This covered the Bourn Brook inspection in 2015 and work with landowners and SCDC. It is hoped to arrange an informal survey of the Brook.

4.6 Village Hall

Vivien Bruce reported. The floor in the main hall had been re-sanded and re-lacquered and some more decorating was required. The finances were sound and all was running smoothly.

4.7 Bourn Sports Club

Sarah Jagers read the report in Giles Nelson's absence. This covered the tennis courts, coaching, cricket nets, the encouragement of youth participation, and adult participation. A major revamp of the tennis courts will be required within 5-10 years.

4.8 Parish Paths Partnership

Angela Marcham's report was read by the Chairman. This covered liaison with CCC, making footpath reports, quarterly walks to monitor rights of way, and minor works undertaken by the Parish Paths Partnership co-ordinators and landowners. Footpath 4 had been re-opened. All rights of way were maintained in good condition and no major improvement works were carried out in the last 12 months.

4.9 Allotments

Gill Pountain reported on the committee structure. There are 11 plots, which are actually half plots for national standards, and one half plot (one quarter for national standards). There is a waiting list of three, so they are no longer actively looking for sites. The social area has been enlarged and a wildlife area created for the release of hedgehogs.

4.10 Bourn Airfield Development – Stop BAD

No report had been received.

4.11 Other

Bourn Twinning Association

Vivien Bruce reported. A French themed event is planned for 15 July 2016. In October there will be a trip to France for a mini-Olympics. The report also covered the Youth Project Annual Quiz.

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

Rights of Way

Sue Richmond reported that this was 9th on the list for the Definitive Map Order. A series of incidents at Caxton End were reported. There were new landowners with ROWs across their land. In the past landowners were invited to a meeting to discuss ROW matters involving landowners, Highways and the County Council. Logs and a ramp for a trail bike had been put on the bridge on Footpath 30.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should hold an informative meeting on Rights of Way, involving the County Council, Police and landowners. (Prop Sue Richmond, 2nd Gill Pountain, unanimous)

A resident asked about the area under the trees which had not been satisfactorily cleared. Frank Haxton had had a meeting with CGM but the work had not been completed as expected. Vivien Bruce proposed that the Parish Council be encouraged not to undertake any further work on that area and leave it for wildlife. The planting of a tree on the right was suggested. (Prop Jan Burrell, 2nd Gill Pountain) RESOLVED that the Parish Council should look at the area and look to maintain it for biodiversity.

Gill Pountain asked about the ditch and the outstanding work promised by SCDC. The Chairman explained the background. The meeting asked the Parish Council to follow up on the outstanding matter of the ditch.

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)

Reports are appended to the master minutes and copies are available on request from the Clerk

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