

Clerk report to Bourn parish Council 15 April 2015

Where I have information to support the agenda this is detailed below.

1. Apologies for absence – None at the time of writing.

3. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 18 March – attached.

- 4.1 (4.2) Solar Farm S106 community contribution and provision at the School
Chris Poulton having been asked to check the Pavilion roof for suitability for solar panels has replied “I visited the pavilion some time back with Robin Mellors-Bourne and it is definitely suitable for a PV installation. Would you like me to go ahead with getting a proposal?
I can confirm that Stephen Reid has been in contact over the Unilateral Agreement signed by UK Solar Parks Limited which documents the commitment to provide the PV system(s) or cash alternative. In view of the time that has elapsed since that commitment was made, we are anxious to conclude this project as soon as possible, ideally by installing one or more PV systems to provide a lasting contribution to the community, but if this is not practical we are ready to make the cash payment direct to the Parish Council.”
- 4.2 (4.5) Bourn Sports Club pavilion painting – to consider quotations if received
Quotations will be brought to the meeting for consideration.
- 4.3 (6.2) Pavilion paving repairs – to consider quotations if received
Quotations will be brought to the meeting.
- 4.4 (6.2) Tap repair – to consider quotations if received
Quotes are being sought and will be brought to the meeting if received. One plumber has said “I am a bit confused with the other request as not familiar with an evaporation can, can you explain please?”
- 4.5 (7.3) Report from Angela Marcham on Peck footpath
I contacted CCC and this is the response on progress from Laurence Smith, Asset Information Definitive Map Manager:
Thank you for your email of 3 April regarding the definitive map modification application at Bourn. You are correct in your recollection of the status of this case in that the Secretary of State dealt with an application for a direction to the County Council to determine this application in June 2014. The Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State concluded in this case that the County Council should be able to determine the application in accordance with its established policies and no direction to make an Order was issued.
The application is therefore still in our waiting list and is currently situated 6th in the queue of applications to be processed. We currently have a single officer dealing with these applications, therefore it could be a year or more before this application reaches the front of the queue.”
- 5.2 SCDC Decision notices
 - 5.2.1 S/1802/14/FL – 45 High Street – erection of two storey detached dwelling house with associated garage and carport, following demolition of existing house and outbuildings – Permission granted, subject to conditions
 - 5.2.2 S/0186/15/FL – 74 Hall Close – First floor side extension above existing garage – Permission granted.
 - 5.2.3 S/0405/15/DC – 131 Alms Hill – Discharge of condition 3 (tree survey), 4 (replacement trees), 6 (materials), 7 (precise details) of planning permission S/1984/14/FL – Permission granted.

5.2.4 S/0332/15/NM – Brook House, 26 Alms Hill – Non-material amendment to planning permission S/0225/14/FL for single storey side/infill extension and north facing roof window – Permission granted.

6.1 To receive the financial report and approve the payment of bills – to follow..

6.2 Play inspection report – not received at the time of writing. The annual RoSPA inspections on both sites have been arranged for April.

6.3 To consider applications for S137 donations

Applications from Bourn PCC for grass cutting, and from the Merrybourn Club, are attached [bank details redacted].

7. Members' reports and items for information only unless specified

7.4 Proposal to write to solicitors seeking clearance of overgrown field – Cllr Bruce to report

Cllr Bruce has written regarding a phone call received from a resident about the small field through which footpath number 20 runs. The field is overgrown, full of brambles and nettles and also overrun with rabbits and other vermin. At times last year the footpath was almost impossible to walk along.

All previous efforts to persuade the owner to have the field cleared have been unsuccessful. She is now apparently in very poor health and her solicitor has power of attorney. The resident contacted the solicitor asking if the field could be cleared. The solicitor suggested that the best form of action was for the resident to ask the Parish Council to write to the owner requesting that the field be cleared. This letter would be passed to the solicitor and using his powers of attorney he could then have the work done.

The resident has been informed that any such letter would need to be discussed and agreed in an official PC meeting, and if agreed would then be sent by the Clerk on the PC's behalf. The resident was invited to attend the February meeting but did not do so.

7.5 Appointment of member to liaise with Mr Haxton and reports on the playground works required
The Chairman would like to ask if any of the councillors would like to liaise with Frank on his reports, actions required and their follow up etc. and then report to the PC.

8.2 English Heritage proposed listing of the Bourn War memorial

I am writing to advise you that we have completed our initial assessment of the above war memorial to consider whether it has special architectural or historic interest.

I attach a copy of our consultation report, which sets out the factual information upon which we will base our recommendation to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

If you have any further information or observations on the consultation report which you believe might be relevant to our assessment we would be pleased to hear from you. You can send these to us by email or by post within 21 days from the date of this email. If you do not intend to send us any further comments we would be grateful if you could let us know so that we can proceed with the case. We will consider all representations made before finalising our assessment and making our decision. We will notify you of the Secretary of State's decision in due course.

If you have any questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me, quoting our reference 1425895. Further guidance on how to respond to this consultation and the type of information we are interested in can be found on our website at www.english-heritage.org.uk.

8.3 Bourn Sports Club request that the Jubilee Playing Fields are heavy rolled annually

Gill Pountain has asked if the CGM contract can include an annual heavy rolling? Apparently, the whole field is in a pretty rough state and at least the football and cricket areas need rolling.

8.4 The Willow Tree – village defibrillator

Shaina Galvin has written:

East of England Ambulance Service have today provided The Willow Tree with a high end defibrillator for use on site.

There is an option for this to be available to the village community if it is mounted in an outside defib cabinet - we have all the details here but you can see it on defibsafe.co.uk

The cost to us as a holder of this equipment would be reduced to £540 + VAT

Unfortunately, we are not really in a position to fund this, so we wanted to give the PC a chance to consider the value of sharing this equipment with the community.

However, we will fund the ongoing costs of providing power to the cabinet (the gels inside have to remain at a certain temp you see).

Do let us know if you are interested or have any questions, otherwise please note we do now have a defib on site.

Other for information only to note:

Bourn to Run 2015 road closure

The race is happening on 27th September 2015. The route requires several hundred runners to cross Alms Hill again this year. The safest manner in which to do this is to close the road to traffic. I am therefore submitting a form to the Council in order to ask permission to close the road. This form also requires written evidence of my contact with the local Parish Council requesting permission and confirming that the Parish Council have no objections to the pending closure. The road needs to be shut at 10:00am and to reopen at 12:00pm. The application requires that they notify the Parish Council which they have done so.

The Chairman has updated the PROW map.

I have attached a pdf in which I have labelled all the PROW's and permissive paths around central Bourn.

The footpaths can be seen on the interactive Cambridgeshire County Council maps:

<http://my.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/myCambridgeshire.aspx>

Enter an address in Bourn, select My Maps tab then under the Show Map Categories, expand the Leisure and Culture category and select Public Rights of Way and Permissive Access Paths. If you mouse click on one of the footpaths etc. the name, status etc. will be shown.

I did not update the Brooklands footpath diversion (attached) on the map. I have also attached a document relating to the request to make the route of the old concrete road at Manor Farm a public right of way.