

Bourton on the Hill Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday May 21st 2018 at 6.08pm in The Old School Hall.

Present: Cllr Andy Vigrass (chairman), Cllr Peter Herbert, Cllr Louise Davis, Cllr Angela Hay and the Clerk Alexia Monroe.

Absent: Cllr Tom Martin

Members of the public: 0

- 1 Election of Chairman: Andy Vigrass agreed to stand as chairman, nominated by Cllr Herbert and seconded by Cllr Davis. Cllr Liz Bowden has agreed to stand as vice-chairman proposed by Cllr Vigrass and seconded by Cllr Hay.
- 2 Cllr Andy Vigrass welcomed councillors and accepted apologies from Cllr Bowden and Cllr Norton.
- 3 Declaration of Councillors interests: None
- 4 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th April 2018 were agreed and signed by the chairman. Proposed by Cllr Davis and seconded by Cllr Herbert.
- 5 Finance:
 - 5.1 Report by the Responsible Finance Officer
 - 5.2 Approval of the annual governance statement for 2017/2018. Proposed by Cllr Vigrass and accepted unanimously. This was signed by the clerk and the chairman.
 - 5.3 Approval of expenditure cheques: Tim Cranston £83.50 for computer consultancy (cheque no.000076); Mark Penfold £225.00 for mowing (cheque no.000077); Alexia Monroe £492.51 for Transparency Fund computer supplies and telephone, and Annual Meeting expenses (cheque no.000081); Stow Agricultural £67.20 for new 'no parking' sign (cheque no.000079); Chipping Campden Supplies £36.00 for two new metal posts for Back Lane 'no parking' signs (cheque no.000080); Amanda Smith £150.00 to manage the HMRC contributions and payroll for the clerk's salary. Proposed by Cllr Vigrass and accepted unanimously.
 - 5.4 Agreement to authorise the clerk to expediate the cementing of the 'no parking' posts into the ground down Back Lane, for up to £100. Proposed by Cllr Davis and accepted unanimously.
- 6 Planning: No new applications but environmental and Health & Safety issues have been reported about the new building a Hillcrest Bungalow.
- 7 Councillor Council Report by Cllr Lynden Stowe: Funding for Highways is now £150m and has been in place since 1st April. It has been the worst winter since 2009 more gritting lorries out and the roads have sustained more damage with potholes. There will be more patching and then proper resurfacing, residents should see a real improvement and more repainting of the white lines. On the more strategic roads, up to a quarter of a billion on will be spent on improving the Gloucester M5 (junction 10) also junction 9. Amey have been replaced by Tarmac as the providers of road repairs. Public rights of way are now back under GCC control. GCC have contributed to Chipping Campden School's new arts centre and funded a new school in Cheltenham. The second ambulance station in Moreton has been a success with

waiting times having come down from last year. The biggest budget increase has come from adult social care and children in protective social care. Mental health spending has increased and there is an encouraging increase in flu vaccinations numbers up and spending for libraries has been protected. In the county 95% have now have access to faster broadband. There is a grant for Building Communities, which can be for ongoing projects but is really for funding start up project.

8 Highways:

- 8.1 Verges have been re-seeded by Gigaclear
- 8.2 The annual village clean up was undertaken on May 12th.
- 8.3 Potholes have been reported to Highways for repair.
- 8.4 Community Speed Watch will be led by Longborough PC and Rev Sheila Rosenthal is the co-ordinator for the village.

9 Urgent matters to report: None.

10 Dates agreed for 2018: July 2nd, August 20th and December 10th.

Meeting closed at 18.54 pm