

# Bourton on the Hill Parish Council

MINUTES FROM THE ONLINE ZOOM MEETING OF BOURTON ON THE HILL PARISH COUNCIL ON **WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020 AT 6:31PM**  
FOLLOWING THE COVID-19 RESTRICTION GUIDELINES.

PRESENT: CLLR ANDY VIGRASS, CLLR LIZ BOWDEN, CLLR MARK NORTON, CLLR TOM MARTIN, CLLR ANGELA HAY, CLLR ANNA STANLEY, COUNTY  
CLLR LYNDEN STOWE AND ALEXIA MONROE (CLERK). MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: TOM DIXON

- 1 Election of chairman: Andy Vigrass agreed to stand as chairman, nominated by Cllr Bowden and seconded by Cllr Norton; Liz Bowden has agreed to stand as vice-chairman and was proposed by Cllr Vigrass and seconded by Cllr Norton.
- 2 Welcome and apologies for absence: Apologies were accepted from Cllr Louise Davis.
- 3 Declaration of Councillors interests for items on the agenda: None
- 4 The minutes of the meetings of the Parish Council held on May 11<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup> 2020 were proposed by Cllr Vigrass, seconded by Cllr Stanley and accepted unanimously.
- 5 Matters arising from the previous minutes:
  - 5.1 Helen Blight has resumed the monthly check for the defibrillator by Fenhill Close.
  - 5.2 Report by Tom Dixon about the Community Orchard and Allotments Project:

A map of the orchard showing its 20 trees will be circulated to councillors, the paths are mowed and clear and it is looking good. Three full plots are rented with a possible two others available. The orchard covers about two hectares and it will be included in a scaled down version of Open Gardens in conjunction with the Old School Hall Committee on August 22nd. Of the £700 in the budget, a total of £461 has been spent so far. Further funding would be spent on options for water collection and a bee hive.
  - 5.3 The Clerk has requested as part of the Lengthman's scheme that the signs on the A44/B4479 junction are repaired and a request that the junction is a 'stop' rather than a 'giveaway' for traffic joining the A44.
- 6 *In accordance with Standing Orders public speaking were limited solely to items on the agenda. There were no members of the public present.*
- 7 County Councillor's report: Cllr Lynden Stowe reported that there were no Covid-19 related deaths in Gloucestershire over the last week. The stocks of personal protective equipment are good. The Community Orchard Project was encouraged to apply for a grant. Cllr Stowe would continue to ask for the A44/B4479 junction to be a 'stop' especially as Cllr Stanley pointed out that there is no pavement along the road. The volume of noisy motorbikes was discussed and it was agreed that the Council will write to the Police Commissioner.
- 8 Finance:
  - 8.1 Finance report by the Responsible Finance Officer
  - 8.2 Expenditure items paid by BACS and in accordance with the budget: St Lawrence PCC £500.00 annual contribution towards the maintenance of the church clock, Lazenby IT £1.87 monthly software security subscription, Clerk's salary for March to June, Clerk's expenses £59.99 (Microsoft annual licence) and £6.50 uPVC cleaner for the white gates. A payment of £20 to a teenager in the village to clear around the gates and bollards at the entrances to the village. Agreed unanimously.
  - 8.3 It is noted that The Old School Hall Committee have increased the annual hall rental costs to £100.00. Parish Councils are allowed to continue meeting via Zoom until May 2021. The Clerk will confirm with GAPTC if the rental payment can continue, even if meeting via Zoom.
- 9 Highways:
  - 9.1 Decision to approve the raising of the manhole cover at the bottom of Keytes Lane. Exact requirements to be confirmed with Harry Roberts.
  - 9.2 The blocked drains after recent storms down the hill and Back Lane. These have been cleared by Highways. The Old School Hall have been asked to clear out their drainage pipes to alleviate future flood water.
  - 9.3 Speeding motorbikes along the A44. See item 7 above.
- 10 Final review of the plaque in memory of Admiral Sir Peter Herbert. 'Grateful' is the preferred wording. The size was agreed at 12", it will be added to the parish council asset register and noted with the insurers. Cllr Vigrass will confirm the donations and the clerk will place the order.
- 11 Review of the latest planning applications:

19/00987/FUL Full Application for Rear and side extensions with associated alterations and earthworks at High Beeches, Bourton-On-The-Hill, GL56 9AB. Permitted.

19/00988/FUL Full Application for Part retrospective alterations to land levels, retaining walls, replacement drystone wall to eastern boundary, and construction of a new drystone boundary wall on northern boundary with relocated access at *High Beeches, Bourton-On-The-Hill GL56 9AB. Permitted.*

20/00142/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory, replacement with new garden room and redesigned patio and replacement of existing windows. *Glebe House, Rectory Lane, Bourton-On-The-Hill, GL56 9AF. Permitted.*

20/00853/FUL Full Application for Erection of a single storey extension to existing outbuilding at 2 School House, Bourton On The Hill, GL56 9AH. *Still to be decided.*

12 Correspondence received. Mrs Chandler re: bonfires.

13 Urgent matters to report: David Bright has cleaned the water trough and kept it tidy, Cllr Vigrass will write to say thank you. Mike Bunston has cleaned the drains on the Old School Hall car park.

14 Dates for the next meetings: September 14<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>

Meeting closed at 7.31pm