Bourton on the Hill Parish Council

Bourton on the Hill Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2019 at 6:30pm in The Old School Hall, Bourton on the Hill.

Present: Cllr Andy Vigrass (chairman), Cllr Liz Bowden (vice-chairman), , Cllr Louise Davis, Cllr Angela Hay, Cllr Anna Stanley, Cllr Tom Martin, Cllr Mark Norton and District Councillor Clive Webster. Members of the public: 4

- 1 Welcome and apologies for absence were accepted from Alexia Monroe.
- 2 Declaration of Councillors interests for items on the agenda: none
- Approval of the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on September 9th 2019. Proposed Cllr Vigrass and accepted unanimously.
- 4 Matters arising from the previous minutes
 - 4.1 A grant of £450 from Cotswold District Council for the Community Orchard project has been received. Tom Dixon, Chairman of the Community Project Committee, gave an update on the progress of the project.
 - 4.2 A Mailchimp email account has been set up for parish communications and has over 70 contacts registered.
 - 4.3 The 'No parking' signs for Keytes Lane to replace the damaged ones have been received and are awaiting installation.
 - 4.4 There is a need to organise a defibrillator familiarisation session for Fenhill Close residents, Helen Blight has offered to host it.
- 5 No one chose to speak in accordance with Standing Orders
- The Council voted unanimously to appoint Alexia Monroe as the Parish Council representative to the Help In Need Charity for a four year term.
- 7 Cllr Clive Webster gave an update from the District Council:

 The ANPR speedwatch cameras are not available yet due to the police resolving a GDPR concern.
 - It was suggested that it would be useful for the Parish Council to organise a private speed measuring exercise at 2 locations in the village: at the top end of the village and near Fenhill to gather data for a week's traffic volumes & their speeds.
- 8 Finance
 - 8.1 The Parish Council have received £678.36 refund for VAT reclaimed in the past year.
 - 8.2 The bank balance is currently £5,364.27
 - 8.3 The draft budget for 2020/21 was proposed by Cllr Vigrass and accepted unanimously.

- 9 Highways
 - Concern was expressed about the metal posts outside Hillcrest Bungalow, these could cause injury to pedestrians & cyclists, especially in the dark. We are still waiting for Highways to deal with this issue.
- 10 Review of the latest planning applications
 19/03276/FUL April Cottage. The Council voted by a majority of 5 for and 2
 against to support application for the turning area at April Cottage and in the
 supporting statement to state that the space not be used for parking.
 19/00988/FUL High Beeches. Cllr Webster summarised the feedback from the
 planning department, sharing concerns about massing and landscaping.
- 11 Website: Due to soon-to-be obsolete technology the website will need replacing by the end of 2020, the content and requirements to be discussed at the first council meeting in 2020.
- 12 Correspondence received: none
- Urgent matters to report: The proposed revision by CDC to change green bin collections to fortnightly was questioned and the PC asked Cllr Webster to find out more about the reasoning behind this decision.
- Dates for the Parish Council meetings for 2020 were agreed.

 The suggested dates were: 24th February, 20th April, 18th May (annual meeting of the Parish Council and the Parish), 6th July, 14th September and the 7th December.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm