

# Bourton on the Hill Parish Council

Minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 6.30pm in The Old School Hall.

Present: Cllr Andy Vigrass (chairman), Cllr Liz Bowden, Cllr Anna Stanley, Cllr Louise Davis, Cllr Angela Hay and County Councillor Lynden Stowe and the Clerk Alexia Monroe.

Members of the public: 1

- 1 Cllr Andy Vigrass welcomed councillors and accepted apologies from Cllr Mark Norton and Cllr Tom Martin.
- 2 Declaration of Councillors interests: None.
- 3 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 were agreed and signed by the chairman. Proposed by Cllr Vigrass and accepted unanimously.
- 4 Matters Arising from the previous minutes.
  - 4.1 The new recycling bins and bags have been distributed.
  - 4.2 The Clerk will contact Community Heartbeat Trust to arrange a date for the defibrillator training to be held in the Old School Hall.
  - 4.3 The metal posts on the verge down Keytes' Lane have been removed. The 'no parking' signs have sustained more damage. The Clerk will organise the repairs.
- 5 *Public Speaking in line with Standing Orders.*

Tom Dixon updated the Council on the progress of the Community Garden and Allotments. Paths and barbed wire have been cleared as well as 12 fruit trees planted. June 2020 will be the next round of grant applications from Cotswold District Council (CDC) and a grant application will be submitted to Cllr Lynden Stowe for up to £500 towards the community venture. The Clerk will liaise with Mr Dixon before applying for the grants.
- 6 County Council report by Lynden Stowe: The budget has been increased by 3.99% with 2% ring fenced for adult social care. The Javelin Park recycling plant will be opening a visitor centre in early summer. The County Council are committed to planting one million trees in the county to help offset climate change. There will be more white lines painted on the road between the village and Trooper's Lodge to help avoid accidents.
- 7 Finance:
  - 7.1 The Responsible Financial Officer reported that BACS payments had been made to Martin Brace for the repairs to the 'no parking' signs of £84.00 and £220.00 was paid towards the expenses for the Community Garden and Allotments. The bank account stood at £5,123.06.
- 8 New Website: Cllr Vigrass reported that Tom Dixon has offered to help.
- 9 Highways:
  - 9.1 Discussion following a request by the A44A Working Group to support the proposed strategy of the advisory route via Northleach and not building more bypasses along the A44. Proposed by Cllr Vigrass and accepted unanimously.
  - 9.2 The Council decided to ask Highways to change the Blockley turning from the A44 from a 'Give Way' to a 'Stop' junction as there have been four recent incidents where cars have failed to stop and damaged the wall and road signs. The Clerk will

apply to Cllr Lynden Stowe to add the repair of the damaged signs at this junction to the Lengthsman scheme which will be restarted in April.

- 10 Review of the latest planning applications:
  - 10.1 19/00987/FUL Full application for rear and side extensions with associated alterations and earthworks at High Beeches, Bourton on the Hill, GL56 9AB. The Council voted to support this application.
  - 10.2 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 on northern boundary with relocated access at High Beeches, Bourton on the Hill, GL56 9AB. The Council voted to support this application.
  - 10.3 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.
  - 10.4 The parcel of land adjacent to Little Tithe. The Council have asked CDC Planning Department to check whether the works on this site breach planning law.
- 11 Correspondence received: None
- 12 Urgent matters to report:

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day – discussions are on-going with the Old School Committee on the feasibility of holding a celebration on the May 9<sup>th</sup>.  
The village fete will be on the first Saturday in October.
- 13 Dates agreed for 2020: April 20th, May 11th for Annual Meeting of the Parish and Parish Council Annual Meeting, July 6<sup>th</sup>, September 14<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting closed at 20:09pm**