

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

26th March 2019

Chairman's Report

Introduction & Welcome

The Council would like to welcome once more all residents to the Annual Parish Meeting of the Village Council and hope that you will find the evening informative and helpful. We welcomed our latest Councillor at the start of the new financial year, Sharon Coventry, and I am pleased to say we haven't had any resignations during that period although we will shortly be losing Jim after many years' service, Jonathan because of work commitments, and Stephen who is putting himself forward for election for the Chedworth & Yarnton constituency.

As most of you know the business of Council is delegated to various committees, who consider different issues each month and then bring reports and recommendations to the monthly Council meetings for discussion and approval. Each of the Chairmen will give a brief report shortly. We have recently amalgamated, Burial & Allotments, Playing Fields, Village Maintenance and Youth into one committee on a trial basis. For the purpose of this meeting I have asked the original Chairs to report in the old Committee format.

- Planning & George Moore Community Centre, both have delegated powers (Bryan Sumner)
- Burial & Allotments (Robin Daniel)
- Village Maintenance (sub: Bob Hadley)
- Traffic & Footpaths. Now Highways Committee (Nigel Randall)
- Playing Fields (Stephen Senior)
- Youth Club (Lynda Hicks)
- Finance & General Purpose (Bob Hadley)

We will hear from the Chairs in a moment, but first I would like to not only again express my sincere thanks to the Councillors not only for all they have done during the year in supporting me and fellow Councillors but also for their help on 10th November last year for the Victoria Cross Commemoration. The day went like clockwork and was much appreciated by the local residents, especially seeing the Army band the 7Rifles who played and marched up and down the High Street.

Finally, I would like to thank the team who run the Community Centre; Jo who, among other things, is responsible for the lettings and the day to day operations; Chris Cooper, our Temporary Finance Officer recruited in October; and Ernie Webb, our caretaker; not

forgetting Sue, our Parish Clerk for the last 12 years, who is retiring at the end of April. I would like to record my and the other Councillors' sincere thanks in all that she has done for the Community and the successful running of the Centre.

Just to remind you that the Parish Council Elections are taking place on the 2nd May and I do encourage local residents to put themselves forward; application forms are available on CDC's website but they must be completed and delivered by hand on or before 3rd April to the offices in Cirencester.

I will take any questions under item 6 on the agenda.

Bob Hadley, Chairman of Council

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