

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th March 2024.

District Councillor Jon Wareing (Bourton Village) reported that Cotswold District Council had created a working group on sewage, which was in crisis in the district. The licence extension application from Hawkstone Brewery had been withdrawn following concerns raised about potential noise pollution.

District Councillor Len Wilkins (Bourton Vale) had no further updates to add to Jon's report.

The Police urged residents to continue with security measures as there were still instances of break-ins.

Parish Council matters

Coach and Public Safety: The meeting was attended by a large number of residents and local business owners who put forward their points of view in the Public Session. Council approved the following proposals:

1. In the absence of any managed provision for coach parking, and in the interests of the health and safety of residents and visitors, and to improve traffic flow for all, Parish Council accepts the need to act without further delay to restrict coaches from central routes in Bourton-on-the-Water, by way of Traffic Regulation Order(s).
2. Restrictions will not include public service buses including school transport, the Robin, Community Connexions and other existing regular transport to be agreed, for example Harrington House, sports and social clubs for example sporting teams travel, Guiding and Scouting trips, and so on.
3. Restrictions will apply
 - 3.1 from the northwest, from A429 Fosseway
 - into Lansdowne and High Street
 - into Station Road.Entry onto Bourton Industrial Park from the Fosseway will not be restricted.
 - 3.2 from the southeast, from Rissington Road entry into Bourton-on-the-Water from Little Rissington (possibly including restriction along Leasow Lane towards Great Rissington). This would benefit from agreement and cooperation with Upper Rissington Parish Council (URPC), Little Rissington Parish Council (LRPC) and Great Rissington Parish Council (GRPC).
 - 3.3 from the northeast, from Kingfisher Road to Meadow Way Roundabout, down Meadow Way / Bourton Link past Cotswold Clubhouse, Colletts buildout, and to the junction with Station Road at Jubilee Lodge.
 - 3.4 from the southwest, from Lankett Lane junction with the "Steeps" (Bourton Hill), not affecting the existing highway access from A429 Whiteshoots Hill towards Sherborne and Clapton-on-the-Hill. This would benefit from agreement and cooperation with CotHPC and Sherborne Parish Council.
4. Council tasks Highways Committee:
 - 4.1 to consider, and to recommend to April Parish Council given the urgency, the best way forward to achieve the above without compromising the urgently required signage and yellow lining TROs aimed at reducing volumes of visitor parking on residential streets, and long-desired TRO actions to improve the bus stop area outside the public conveniences next to the Cook Shop on the High Street.

4.2 to consider, and recommend to April Parish Council, whether to use permanent or emergency TROs, or a combination of both, given the urgency of the need to manage coach movements and noting the higher total costs associated with temporary TROs.

4.3 to invite County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson and a Highways representative to attend Parish Council Highways Committee meeting for this item, to expedite progress.

Highways Committee will review the proposals at their meeting on 25th March and make recommendations to the 3rd April Parish Council meeting.

Relaunch of Youth Club: Stow Active Sports will be providing weekly Youth Club sessions in term times and school holidays at the Baden Powell Hall. This will start with an open afternoon from 2-4pm on Wednesday 3rd April and the first evening session will be on Wednesday 10th April starting at 6pm. All are invited to the introductory session on 3rd April to find out the details.

Grant from Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks Resilient Communities Fund: The Parish Council has been awarded funding of £10,000 which will be used to install back-up infrastructure to allow for a generator hook up at the George Moore Community Centre in the event of a major power outage.

Additional Parking Enforcement Hours were approved from 18th March to 3rd November. The provision has been extended this year to cover a longer season and has received 50% funding from CDC's Tourist Levy.

Brighter Bourton: A reminder that this will be held on Thursday 4th April from 6.30-8.30pm at the Royal British Legion Hall. Please see separate article for further details.

Memorial Repairs will be carried out at the Cemetery and St Lawrence churchyard week commencing reminder w/c 15th April. The Baptist Church have informed us that the contractor will also be carrying out memorial inspections at the adjacent Baptist Cemetery during this week.

Next Meeting Date: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 3rd April 2024 at in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre. All residents are welcome.

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