

Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 2nd May 2018

Village Litter Pick: A pleasing number of residents of all ages joined in the Spring Litter Pick in April, and grateful thanks are given to all who gave up their time on a Sunday morning to collect well over 20 sacks of rubbish. A number of residents do litter pick various areas around the village on a regular basis and it would help considerably if additional volunteers came forward to join this group. Please contact the Council office if you're willing to help more regularly.

Allotments: The Council has negotiated a new 7 year lease from CDC for the land at Springvale which is being used to provide allotments. Tenants at that site will no doubt be relieved to learn their tenancies may continue uninterrupted for the next few years. There is currently no waiting list for allotments at any of our 3 sites, so now's the time for residents to register their interest so they can take immediate advantage if plots are given up mid-year.

Tree works: Residents will undoubtedly have seen that there have been a large number of tree works undertaken recently, including the removal of the large Holm Oak on the Green and another mature tree on Riverside Walk; other works are planned to maintain trees at St Lawrence's Churchyard. Whilst it's always regrettable to lose a mature tree, replacements for those trees have been or will shortly be planted for future generations to enjoy. There are still nearly 250 trees around the village whose health is monitored and maintained by the Council, and it remains committed to ensuring there is a healthy, sustainable and stable tree population in Bourton.

Youth Club: The project to investigate options for a more permanent home are progressing, albeit a number of issues still need to be considered and resolved, as well as funding secured. Whilst the project is in its early stages, it is gradually moving forward; in the meantime, the Council is grateful to have a home for the Club at the RBL for the weekly Monday evening sessions.

Litter bins: It's been reported that some local businesses may be using the general pavement-side bins to dispose of some commercial waste. As everyone is aware, these bins already struggle to deal with the volume of litter generated by the vast number of visitors to Bourton. If they are also used for commercial waste disposal then their capacity will be even further reduced. This will have a detrimental impact for everyone, including traders who use these bins, as litter will spill out and pile up alongside, making the village centre look extremely unattractive. Please ensure that no trade waste is disposed of in these bins.

Lloyds Bank: Following a one-year review, Lloyds has just announced its intention to continue the sessions for the Mobile Banking Unit which is parked at the Community Centre 3 times pw. Residents are encouraged to continue to use the unit as much as possible as all future reviews will take into account usage and customer footfall.

Annual audit: The Council has just closed and approved its accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018. The period for the Exercise of Public Rights to inspect the accounts will take place this year between 4th June and 13th July. Further information is available on the Council's web-site or from the Council office.

Council: Bob Hadley was elected Chair for 2018-19, as Bryan Sumner indicated he wished to withdraw from the role. Thanks were given to Cllr Sumner as the outgoing Chair for over 10 years, and to the considerable progress achieved during his chairmanship, particularly in securing the future of the Community Centre. Cllr Sumner was elected Vice-Chair for the next 12 months.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 6th June at 7pm in the Community Centre. Sue Cretney, Clerk. Tel: 01451 820712; Email: clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk. Website: www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk