

## **Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Elections:** The local elections will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and residents are strongly encouraged to come forward to stand as councillors in these elections. The success of the Council, and the community, relies upon there always being enough local people who wish to contribute towards the wellbeing of the village. Please see the separate article in this edition which provides more information on the elections and timetable.

**Play Ranger sessions at Melville:** The Council has just approved the continuing funding of these sessions in 2019-20 – term-time sessions will take place each Wednesday between 4pm and 6pm, in all weathers. Residents with families are reminded that the sessions are open to youngsters of all ages who wish to engage in active outdoor play, and to go along and see what they do. Reports and family feedback from past sessions are available on the Council's web-site which give a flavour of the type of activities provided.

**Hanging baskets:** Following the disbanding of the Chamber of Commerce the Council has agreed to provide a hanging basket display in 2019, which will be part-funded by local businesses.

**Traffic/Highways:** Automatic Number Plate Reader equipment was installed in January, and this equipment should be operational by the time of the Browser publication. It will be used to help address persistent and excessive speeds on local roads in response to resident concerns about speeding vehicles in general.

**Village Green:** The footpath which runs adjacent to the Green and the High St is in need of significant repairs, and quotes are being obtained for this work. The pavement was formerly part of the Green and is therefore in the Council's ownership, and it therefore has responsibility for all maintenance repairs. Further information will be given prior to works commencing.

**Precept 2019-20;** The Council has agreed a precept of £150,957 for the next financial year, which will equate to a payment of £83.07pa to the Council by a Band D household (ie an increase of £0.14p per week compared to last year's payment). A full statement on the Council's decision making process is available on its web-site, or from the Council office.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** Residents are advised that the Annual Parish Meeting will this year be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. This meeting gives residents time to discuss local issues with councillors in a more informal setting than at the monthly Council meetings.

**Village Garage Sale:** It's been agreed that another Village Garage Sale will be held this year on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June (grateful thanks to Mollie Wise for agreeing to run this popular event). More details will be available in later editions.

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Community Centre. Sue Cretney, Clerk. Tel: 01451 820712; Email: [clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk). Website: [www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk](http://www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk)