

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Parish Council notes from the meeting held on 5th April 2023.

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson provided clarification on highways proposals which had been reported in last month's Bourton Browser. This was in relation to a proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) which could include 'no entry except for access' signs on some residential streets. Funds are available from CDC's Tourist Levy for one part of the TRO and Cllr Hodgkinson will provide match funding to allow for two separate TROs. GCC Highways have investigated restricting access to Lansdowne, although they would prefer not to restrict access if possible but would be in favour of deterring motorists from entering off the Fosseyway. Roman Way and other residential roads would also be part of a restricted access TRO. When proposals have been put together the Parish Council will undertake a public consultation.

District Cllr Nick Maunder was pleased that the Rissington Road car park had been re-opened in time for Easter but there was a delay in the installation of the EV charging points. Management of the leisure centre has been re-contracted for a 10-year period.

Cllr Maunder was thanked for his time as District Councillor for Bourton Village.

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Play Rangers: Grant funding of £5,000 has been awarded from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and £1,108 from Moore Friends. The sessions continue to be popular and the Co-Op, the Dial House and the Chip Shed provided food for the recent Easter holiday session which was grant funded via Play Gloucestershire.

MUGA at The Naight: Following recent concerns from neighbours on noise, our contractor has provided tools and equipment for regular maintenance to be carried out. All outstanding work in this respect has been completed and it is anticipated that this will address the current problems with noise and reverberation of the panels.

Cotswold District Council's Tourist Levy Funding: Funds totalling £48,463 from parking at the Rissington Road car park have been received by the Parish Council for projects approved by CDC. An additional £6,690 has been approved for repairs to the riverbank and work will be carried out in the coming months. The Parish Council has been asked to create a list of suggested projects for 2023-24 which will be the subject of a public consultation by CDC in June or early July.

Parish Council Elections: We have been advised of an uncontested Parish Council election, with 12 councillors being elected unopposed, leaving one vacancy for co-option, possibly at the June meeting. The new councillors will be Sharon Coventry, Amanda Davis, Bob Hadley, Lynda Hicks, Jonathan Jowitt, Leanne Launchbury, Martin Macklin, Andy Roberts, Madan Samuel, Jon Wareing, Len Wilkins and Bill Wragge. The councillors will officially take up their roles for the next 4 years on 9th May and the new Council's first meeting will be the Annual Meeting on 15th May.

Coach Park Update: The owners of Bourton Vale car park have confirmed that the existing coach park will close on 31st December 2023. The Cotswold School considered taking the coaches, but this may prove impractical and is being investigated. CDC have been asked if an increase in car parking charges would be considered at the Rissington Road car park to counteract the loss of revenue, to enable a coach parking facility. If no coach parking solution can be found, a Traffic Regulation Order will be required to stop coaches entering the village.

Members of the public were asked to report any instances of obstruction to the police on 101 and parking on double yellow lines will be dealt with by GCC's parking enforcement team.

Road Safety: There are 20mph and 30mph road safety stickers available at The George Moore Community Centre for your use if you would like to remind drivers that your road has a speed limit.

Victoria Hall: Councillor Wragge attended a recent committee meeting as the Parish Council's representative. He highlighted that new committee members are required, particularly for projects that will require fundraising such as roof maintenance.

Next Meeting Date: The Annual Meeting will be held at 7pm on Monday 15th May in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre. All residents are welcome.

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