

**BOURTON ON THE WATER  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting  
held at 7.00pm in the George Moore Community Centre, Moore Road, Bourton on the Water**

**Present:** Cllr R Hadley (Chairman)  
County Cllr Paul Hodgkinson  
Ward District Cllr Len Wilkins  
Sgt Garrett Gloyn and PC Jason Page  
Parish Councillors (8)  
Members of the Public (approx. 35)

Sgt Gloyn and PC Page gave a brief talk on the focus of 2018 Police operations which appear to have played a part in helping to progressively reduce anti-social behaviour incidents in the past 12 months. They reiterated that future neighbourhood policing priorities will be largely targeted on areas of concern highlighted by the public. Residents were therefore encouraged to continue to engage with the Police to make them aware of issues of concern and to submit reports via 101 or direct e-mail facilities. Residents were also encouraged to register to receive Community Alerts which provide a free messaging information service in respect of crime alerts and Police activities that are relevant to their areas of concern. Residents are asked to register at [www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk](http://www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk) or collect a Registration Form from the Police Point or Community Centre. A new, experienced PCSO will be recruited to the local team with effect early April which will further boost local policing resources. Resident queries relating to minor criminal damage and responsibility for the enforcement of parking offences were answered at the meeting.

**1. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

The minutes of this meeting had been approved at the Parish Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Issues raised and discussed at this meeting had been passed to committees and these had either been actioned or were the subject of ongoing work.

**2. Chairman and Committee Chairmen Reports**

The Chairman's report advised as to how the Council workload is allocated between various committees and also provided information on the forthcoming local elections and likely changes to Council's composition. Outgoing councillors and staff were thanked for their contribution in past years. The committee chairmen gave a report on the activities of their respective committees, the projects achieved in 2018-19 and the focus for future committee activities during 2019-20.

**3. County & Ward District Cllr reports (apologies Ward Cllr Richard Keeling)**

County Cllr Paul Hodgkinson gave a brief report on GCC related matters including an update on GCC's budget for 2019-20 (circa 75% of which monies are allocated to child & adult social care provision), county road re-surfacing works, and the reallocation of highway contracts with effect April. From grant funds allocated to him, he has been able to provide funding assistance for various local road safety projects including new ANPR equipment, a pedestrian crossing and village entrance gates. Residents were encouraged to report pot-holes to GCC via the on-line reporting facility or by telephoning 08000 514514.

Ward Cllr Len Wilkins reported on CDC's budget for 2018-19 and the ongoing review by CDC in respect of green waste collection and new vehicles being introduced to further improve the district's refuse collection service. He also reported on the financial support he has given to help fund disabled access works at the local Cricket Club, various planning-related issues and the creation of Publica having led to significant cost savings which have been recognised by a recent national performance award.

**4. Chairman's Report on Community Matters**

Community matters were dealt with under the Chair and Committee reports in Item 2.

**5. Local Elections**

Residents were reminded of the local elections in May at which the divided warding arrangement which previously split Bourton into 2 separate wards has now been removed – for the purposes of the forthcoming elections, Bourton will be reinstated to a single ward constituency.

Residents were also encouraged to come forward and stand as parish councillors given that a number of existing councillors will not be standing for re-election.

**6. Resident Questions**

Residents were invited to comment and submit questions, as follows:

Cricket Club Disabled Access:

A resident queried why disabled access to the new build pavilion has not been provided for at the outset. Ward Cllr Wilkins clarified that disabled access had been provided for within the original design but is being further improved with the assistance of grant funding.  
*Query resolved at the meeting.*

Planning:

The Council was thanked for its support for seeking enforcement and correct implementation of planning permissions and conditions relating to various building works which have taken place at the Windrush Restaurant. It was reiterated that issues relating to environmental concerns are long outstanding and remain unresolved, and Council's ongoing support in this respect was sought in order to achieve satisfactory resolution of issues.  
*The Planning Committee will continue to monitor and support the implementation of planning policy in all respects.*

Foul water network:

A report was received of ongoing problems with the foul water network in Station Rd.  
*Further details will be obtained and the Planning Committee will forward information to Thames Water to seek further investigation and resolution.*

Bourton Chase Phase III:

The Council was asked to be aware of the high number of unresolved problems associated with new build developments at The Furrows and Bourton Chase Phase III, and the difficulty in resolving post-completion issues with management companies.  
*The Planning Committee will continue to consider and action reported problems relating to new developments.*

There being no further questions, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

**CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.....DATE.....**