

Parish Council Notes – Council Meeting 1st August 2018

Springvale Allotments: The lease on the Springvale allotment site was due for renewal in May this year; it had been leased to the Council for the previous 7 years. Although the lease has been renewed for a further period of 7 years, CDC has inserted a clause giving it the opportunity to break the lease after 2 years in the event the site is required for housing. Whilst the Parish Council objected to this clause, it has been obliged to renew under these terms; however, it would be very reluctant to lose this local amenity, and will keep residents notified in the event the break clause is triggered at any time after May 2020 so they may also have the opportunity to comment on any housing development application on this land.

Christmas Tree and Street Lights display: Following the disbanding of the local Chamber of Commerce earlier this year the Parish Council has now agreed to take on responsibility for providing the Christmas Tree and Street Light display, as this display is enjoyed by many residents as well as visitors. This year's display will be the last which will be part-funded by Chamber monies.

Station Rd crossing: GCC has submitted a proposal for a new zebra crossing to be installed on Station Rd to the east of the entrances to Melville and Honeystones (by the site of the former bus-stop, outside The Lawns). This will provide another safe crossing point at this location where there is no continuous footpath between Honeystones and the village centre on the south side of the road.

Automatic Number Plate Reader (ANPR): The Council has approved the part-funding of ANPR equipment to be installed locally. Local councils elsewhere in the Cotswolds have found that traffic speeds have been considerably reduced once this equipment has been installed (up to nearly 40% reduction in some areas). The data captured belongs to the local council but can be monitored by local Speedwatch teams, and can assist the Police in their actions to reduce speeding. Data can also be remotely accessed by the Police and used in the investigation and prosecution of other crimes. Now that funds have been approved in principle, the Council will be working with various authorities to ensure it's installed in the most suitable location.

VC Commemoration: Preparations for the event on 10th November continue to be progressed, and these will include the prior repair of part of the low boundary wall surrounding the existing War Memorial. Details of the commemoration will be made available in September/October.

Staffing: As a result of its expansion of activities within the Community Centre, the Council has approved the engagement of a Finance Officer to deal solely with the Council's expanding accounting responsibilities. The new officer will begin in October.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 5th September at 7pm in the Community Centre. Sue Cretney, Clerk. Tel: 01451 820712; Email: clerk@bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk. Website: www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk