

## **Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council**

**Parish Council notes** from the Parish Council Meeting on the 5th of July 2023.

**County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson** reported that he will be meeting the Deputy Area Highways Manager in the coming weeks and will raise Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) matters. An email from a Parishioner regarding Moore Road traffic is on the agenda for the next Highways Committee Meeting. He said that as the NHS (National Health Service) celebrates its 75th birthday the service faces many challenges. It is important that we retain and if possible, enhance the range of services at Moreton Hospital.

**District Councillor Jon Wareing (Bourton Village)** said the CDC (Cotswold District Council) Overview and Scrutiny Committee will next meet on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Pulhams Coaches are off the table for the provision of extra coach parking. They are looking to increase their own bus services and will need the parking. He will investigate why the Recycling collection was a day late in some parts of village. Where a collection is missed it should be left out for collection the following day.

### **Parish Council**

**Parish Council Office:** With effect from 1st July 2023, the Parish Council's new office opening hours for in-person enquiries will be Tuesday to Friday 10am-1pm (or at other times by prior appointment only). However, residents can continue to contact the office by telephone or email during staff working hours Monday to Friday 9am-3pm.

**Parish Council Office Holiday Closure:** 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup> of July and the 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Locum Clerk:** While the Clerk is on leave, we have Linda Morrison Allsopp as our Locum Clerk.

**Farmers' Market:** Response received from the Council's insurers BHIB that the Parish Council would be covered in respect of the liability of the land, but they must ensure that the independent organisations involved have their own Public Liability insurance in place.

**Co-Option of Parish Councillor:** Sarita Tapper was co-opted to fill the vacant Parish Councillor position. As the only candidate she was appointed unopposed and welcomed to the council.

**Small Grants:** We will be considering applications for small grants up to £1,000 during September. Apply at <http://www.bourtononthewaterpc.org.uk/community/bourton-on-the-water-parish-council-7919/grants/> . All applications to be submitted by 20<sup>th</sup> August for consideration. We have taken the decision not to offer any large grants in this financial year, but this will be reviewed for 2024-25.

**Library Challenge for children aged 3-12:** We are providing, free of charge, the Windrush Room or Salmonsbury Room on four dates in August & September to support the Gloucestershire Libraries Challenge for children aged 3-12.

**Parish Council Logo:** The Parish Council decided on a logo. Designed by councillors at no cost to Parishioners, the logo will be used for digital purposes such as the website & social media, but also for letterheads and meeting papers when appropriate.

**Assets of Community Value:** It was agreed to create a list of Assets of Community Value within the parish boundary. Assets of Community Value are buildings or land which are used for the well-being or social interest of the local community. Parishes and community organisations can nominate local assets to their local authority,

CDC in our case, to be included on the list. Nominated assets may be owned by anybody, including the local authority and the Crown.

**Allotments:** There is currently one vacant plot at the Springvale site, and interested residents are asked to contact the Parish Council so this can be reallocated without delay. It's hoped that a tenant will come forward before the growing season to avoid the fallow plot getting out of hand.

**Artwork Display:** The display in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre has been refreshed and showcases a range of new work produced by local artists. All items are available to purchase and are available to view whenever the room is not being used by a hirer.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of August in the Windrush Room at The George Moore Community Centre. All residents are cordially invited.

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