

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER PARISH COUNCIL**
held on Wednesday 7th October 2020
at 7.00pm via Zoom

Present: Cllrs. R. Hadley (Chair), B. Sumner, A. Davis, L. Hicks, B. Wragge, N. Randall, S. Coventry, L. Wilkins and A. Roberts. County Cllr. P. Hodgkinson, District Cllr. N. Maunder, the Parish Clerk and 6 members of the public.

Standing Orders were suspended for the Public Session

County Cllr. P. Hodgkinson updated the Council that there had been 205 cases of Covid-19 over the last seven days in Gloucestershire. The TRO planned for the village was still on course to be installed by the end of this year. GCC had put cameras down the drain by De La Hayes fish and chip shop to find the cause of the ongoing issue. GCC planned to dig the area concerned to remedy the problem.

A portion of the A429, Fosseyway from Bourton-on-the-Water to Northleach would be closed from 15th – 21st October from 9.30 am – 3.30 pm whilst removing diseased ash trees along the road side.

A resident had contacted Paul Hodgkinson to complain about the speed of traffic in Meadow Way.

Cllr. P. Hodgkinson reported that he had set up a tourism action group to work on key issues in the village such as traffic, parking and tourism. The group would be working with businesses and residents of the village to gather information.

It was noted that the police and GCC would make the final decision on whether Stow Fair would go ahead this year.

C. B. Hadley noted that the British Legion would make a decision on arrangements for the Remembrance Day service this year. Details would be published in the next edition of the Bourton Browser.

District Cllr. N. Maunder reported that CDC had appointed a new Chief Executive, Mr. Rob Weaver who would be looking at a new corporate plan to make capital investments.

Cllr. Maunder had been working with Cllr. Hodgkinson to accommodate a bus stop outside the Edinburgh Woollen Shop. CDC had been lobbying for cancellation of Stow Fair this year. CDC were looking into the additional provision of toilets in the village. CDC were following up the court case lodged on De La Hayes – a date was to be confirmed of the court case.

Cllr. Hodgkinson had raised concerns with the local highways manager of vegetation covering road signs and non legible signs on the public highways.

Sarah Scott, Director of Public Health had met with CDC officers and the police to discuss the major public health issues being apparent since Covid-19.

Members of the public raised the following issues: - High level of visitors to the village and this could get worse next year – What are the Parish Council doing about this? Cllr. Hadley responded that the Parish Council were open for ideas on how to manage the high number of visitors to the village. Concerns were raised with the high level of cars trying to park in the village. It was noted at the meeting that a wide range of people, Council's and organisations were working on how to manage visitors whilst in the Cotswolds.

20/109: The Council welcomed Cllr. Andy Roberts as Parish Councillor to Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council.

Cllr. A. Roberts read out his declaration of acceptance of office which had been signed prior to the meeting.

/110: Apologies for Absence: Had been received from District Cllr. R. Keeling and Cllr. K. Cronin.

20/111: Members' Interests: None to declare at the meeting.

20/112: Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd September 2020: Cllr. L. Hicks proposed to approve the Parish Council minutes of 16.9.2020. Cllr. S. Coventry seconded the proposal. A unanimous vote was taken of all in favour of approving the Parish Council minutes of 2.9.2020.

20/113: Matters Arising: Cllr. B. Sumner went through dates, meetings and letters of an incident which had occurred over the summer months with regard to the pedestrianisation of the High Street in the village. Cllr. Sumner had carried out a Freedom of Information Request where the Clerk had provided him with the information requested. On behalf of Cllrs. Wilkins, Randall and himself, Cllr. Sumner demanded an apology from the Chairman from the Code of Conduct that had been lodged against them. The Chairman responded that he would not comment until he had heard back from the Monitoring Officer at CDC about the Code of Conduct complaint that had been lodged against him.

20/114: Planning Committee

The Council received the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 9th September 2020 and 16th September 2020.

20/115: GMCC Committee

Cllr. Sumner gave a brief report on the GMCC: The roofing work at the GMCC was nearing completion.

A new tenant would be moving into Flat 2 at the GMCC once the lease agreement had been signed.

The Lloyds mobile bank was now attending on site at the GMCC fortnightly.

The library at the GMCC was re-opening and was limiting numbers in the building to manage social distancing.

An agreement was being reached with Gloucestershire Care Services to hire the Salmonsbury room for a three month period to help accommodate their staff and to meet the government guidelines.

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20/116: Village Environment Committee

The Council received the minutes of the Village Environment Committee meeting held on 9th September 2020. The Clerk was to send a reminder to Andrew Doherty, CDC to attend the next VEC meeting to discuss litter bins and litter in the village. Cllr. B. Sumner agreed to contact Stephen Cox regarding the old Co-op site. CDC were looking into providing additional public toilets in the village for the next season.

20/117: Highways Committee

The Council received the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting held on 7th September 2020. A small site meeting had been held with Cllr. N. Randall, Cllr. K. Cronin, Cllr. A. Roberts and Shaun Morris, GCC Highways to discuss where the additional ANPR camera would be positioned, signage for Landsdown, Meadow Way signs, A boards and signs in the village. Shaun had agreed to take all of the points raised at the site meeting back to GCC. Shaun Morris would be leaving GCC on 16/10/2020 and Bob Skillern would be taking over his duties until another person had been appointed.

20/118: Youth & Wellbeing Committee

The Council received and approved the minutes of the Youth & Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 23rd September 2020.

The Council agreed that a copy of the letter sent to REACH could be sent to GMTF.

It was agreed to hold a Zoom meeting with youth service providers to discuss the service levels which they could provide and cost of service required.

Play Gloucestershire had confirmed that they did not require any further payments until their service could resume as they had received Lottery funding. A Safeguarding Statement for protecting children and vulnerable adults had been drawn up for the Parish Council to adopt. Cllr. A. Davis proposed to adopt the statement. Cllr. L. Hicks seconded the proposal. A unanimous vote was taken of all in favour of adopting the Safeguarding statement. £7,500.00 had been granted to the Parish Council for the Thriving Communities Project.

Cllr. Davis would report on progress of the project at the next YWB committee meeting. An A – Z list of contacts had been compiled on the Parish Council website. Cllr. N. Randall expressed concern with the additional content being put on the Parish Council web site and the staff time involved. A proposal was put forward to have a Steering Group to approve the Parish Council web site contents.

20/119: Police Meeting: The Council received the notes of a meeting held with police and Parish Councillors held on 4th September 2020.

20/120: Government Planning White Paper: The Council received the notes of a meeting held with Rachel Coxcoo, CDC on 22nd September 2020 to discuss the consultation which was taking place on the Government Planning White Paper.

20/121: Public Health: The Council received the notes of a meeting held with Sarah Scott, Director of Public Health, GCC on 23rd September 2020.

20/122: Standing Orders: The Councillors present agreed to postpone the discussion on the inclusion of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman as ex-officio being included to attend all committee meetings and having the right to vote at committee meetings at a later date.

20/123: Other Meetings Outside of Parish Council: The Cotswold Conservation Board had re-launched as Cotswolds National Landscapes. It was reported that the Department of Transport would be making a final decision on the missing link road (the Air Balloon round-about) next Spring. The consultation would be taking place over the next three to four weeks on the missing link road. The Cotswolds National Landscapes had met to respond to the Government Planning White Paper.

20/124: Village Green Bookings – None to report.

20/125: Finance

A grant of £250.00 from the Co-op had been awarded for the Parish Council to reimburse people with fuel money who had assisted people in delivering food and medication and for thanking people who had assisted members of the public whilst in Covid-19 times. Cllr. B. Sumner approved the expenditure of the £250.00 grant funding in thanking people who had assisted members of the public during Covid-19 times. Cllr. L. Hicks seconded the proposal. A unanimous vote was taken of all in favour of the proposal put forward.

(a) The Council received and approved the schedule of payments up to 7th October 2020 at £49,287.91.

Cllr. B. Hadley proposed approval of the payments and Cllr. B. Sumner seconded the proposal.

A unanimous vote was taken of all in favour of the proposal.

(b) The Council authorised the cheques and BACS payments.

(c) The Council noted the bank reconciliation to 1st September 2020 and the summary report.

(d) The Council approved two grant applications where applicants had addressed the Parish Council with further information on their grant requests.

Happy at Heart CDC £450.00

Cotswold School £5,000.00

Cllr. L. Hicks proposed to approve the two grant requests noted above. Cllr. A. Davis seconded the proposal.

A unanimous vote was taken of all in favour of the proposal put forward.

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20/126: CorrespondenceCo-option of a Parish Councillor

CDC had notified the Parish Council to proceed with the co-option procedure to fill the vacancy of one Parish Councillor. The position was to be advertised in the next edition of the Bourton Browser.

Remembrance Day Service

Details of a low key Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial on the Village Green was to go into the November edition of the Bourton Browser.

Christmas Tree in the River

The Christmas tree would be positioned in the river on Saturday 14th November 2020. There would be no official turning on the lights on the Christmas tree this year.

Stow Fair

GCC, CDC and the police had held a meeting to discuss whether Stow Fair should take place in two weeks time whilst in Covid-19 times. They assured the public that they were doing everything they could to resolve this matter and would provide a definite answer as soon as possible.

Parish Council's grant funding

Thank you letters had been received from The Panto Group, Bourton Primary School and the Brownies for the grant funding received from the Parish Council.

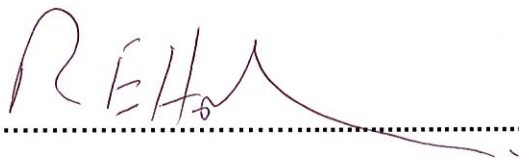
20/127: Next Meeting

The next meeting of Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council would be held on Wednesday 4th November 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom.

20/128: Any Other Business

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE.....



DATE:

04.11.2020