

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Overview

January 2022

Local Government Structure

Town & Parish Councils

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CDC (Cotswold District Council)

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GCC (Gloucestershire County Council)

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

11 elected Parish Councillors (unpaid).

4 members of staff:

- One full-time Parish Clerk/RFO (CiLCA qualified).
- One part-time Assistant Clerk (32 hours).
- One part-time Finance Officer (8 hours).
- One part-time Caretaker (12 hours).
- (Cllrs also belong to, Campaign to Protect Rural England, Gloucestershire Market Town Forum, BTAG, Cotswold Friends and Cotswolds National Landscape).

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Our Core Responsibilities

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- 3 Play Areas (The Naight, Melville & Rye Crescent).
- 2 Cemeteries (Cemetery Lane, St Lawrences closed churchyard).
- 3 Allotments (Piece Hedge, Cemetery Lane & Springvale).
- The George Moore Community Centre.
- The Village Green, various smaller green areas, some sections of the Windrush's riverbanks & War Memorial.
- Managing the Precept.
- Acting as Statutory Consultee on Planning Applications.

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Our Committee Structure

- Planning
- Highways
- Youth & Wellbeing
- Village Environment
- George Moore Community Centre
- Finance & General Purposes
- Staffing

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Planning Committee (Chairman - Cllr Amanda Davis)

- Meets twice a month.
- Reviews and comments on planning & licensing applications, as a statutory consultee, received from the local planning authority, Cotswold District Council.
- Submits responses to CDC Planning.
- We have local knowledge and represent views of parishioners which can help inform CDC's decisions on applications.

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Highways Committee (Chairman - Cllr. Andy Roberts)

- Reviews information from the A.N.P.R. speed cameras.
- Reports to GCC Highways any repairs required to footpaths and roads.
- Liaises with GCC's contractors (currently NSL) regarding parking enforcement.
- Organises Community Speedwatch Team.
- Deals with requests for dog waste, litter & grit bins.
- Liaises with GCC Highways reference parking issues and traffic flow.

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Village Environment (Chairman - Cllr. Piers Millett)

- Maintains the Village Green and other Green Areas for which PC is responsible, including trees in these areas only (Tree Survey).
- Monitors and maintains the cemetery and closed churchyards, responsible for Burials as a Burial Authority.
- Provision of Allotments for Parishioners and monitors and maintains the 3 allotment sites.
- Manages the Christmas display/14 hanging baskets/3 planted areas/Village Green railings.
- Liaises with CDC on litter and Village Warden.
- Working to standardise style of directional sign posts in the Village Centre.
- Conducts Annual Risk Assessment and reviews Bi-Annual Tree Policy.

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Youth & Wellbeing Committee (Chairman - Cllr. Lynda Hicks)

YOUTH

- Managed new play equipment project successfully installed at The Naight & Melville, supported by grants from GPFA, GCC, CDC & a private benefactor.
- Manages weekly Youth Club successfully launched for Senior and Junior ages, run by Inspire to Aspire, funded by PC. 4-year grant received from Police & Crime Commissioner, ends 31st March 2022.
- Manages popular outdoor play sessions with Play Rangers on Wednesday afternoons at Melville during Term time. Funded by PC.
- Manages weekly inspections of all play equipment & quarterly by Kompan.

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WELLBEING

- Successfully launched Bourton Street Volunteers (150 residents) during COVID-19.
- Recently commissioned Accessibility Audit by Inclusion Gloucestershire.
- Successfully applied for various Grants to benefit the wider Community, in excess of £25K: Thriving Communities, SSEN, CDC, GCC and Digital Innovation Fund.
- Facilitated training sessions, for Residents, funded through these grants and run by trained professionals including: Dementia Friendly Training, GAPTC Courses for Cllrs and Staff, Defibrillator & CPR Training, Mental Health First Aid and Suicide Awareness Training.
- Bourton Parish Council seen as the major lead as a Dementia Friendly Group.
- Updated website to signpost residents to sources of help from various organisations.

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George Moore Community Centre (Chairman - Cllr. Bryan Sumner)

- Maintains the Building and surrounding site.
- Manages tenant leases and agrees regular rent reviews for:
- One 2-bedroom residential flat;
- GCC's Integrated Community Team's offices;
- Police Point room;
- Library area & office;
- Commercial accommodation currently operating as: beauty salon, kinesiologist, barber & palliative care services.
- Manages lettings on three public rooms for hire: Salmonsbury, Windrush and The Café.

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Future Plans for Consideration

- Appoint a Burial Consultant to secure additional burial space.
- Implement the Scribe Cemetery Package to preserve burial records.
- Create additional allotments at Springvale.
- Replace dated play equipment at The Naight.
- Replace the wooden play equipment at Rye Crescent.
- Repair and improve the grass areas on Riverside Banks/Walk.
- Improve the Village Green at the back of the War Memorial and Sherborne Street.

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Future Plans for Consideration

Cont.:

- Continue advertising and offering training courses.
- Revamp Council's website.
- Continue to work with CDC, GCC & TAG to better Manage Tourism in the Parish.
- Evaluate a Resident Parking Scheme.
- Prioritise areas from the Accessibility Audit to action.

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The Green Agenda

- Introduce Electric Car Charging Points at GMCC.
- Look with CDC at utilising The River Windrush to Power Victoria Hall.
- Work with CDC to introduce Solar Panels on the Co-op Roof to feed into GMCC.
- If Grants become available again, investigate Underground Heat Source.

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