

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting on 6th December 2023.

The Police highlighted the need for residents to secure their homes at this time of year when there are more hours of darkness. The team continues to operate the Police Information Point, mobile police station and joint patrols with the Village Warden. The North Cotswolds Safer Estates meeting has been established to share information between agencies and solve issues across the area.

County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson advised that the only way to report highways-related matters in future, was on www.fixmystreet.com. Lining and road marking work has been significantly delayed and Cllr Hodgkinson was advised by GCC that this would be completed soon.

District Councillor Jon Wareing reported that the EV charging points at the Rissington Road car park have still not been installed due to contractor delays, but the work is expected to be completed before Christmas.

District Councillor Len Wilkins reported that CDC are looking at ways to trim the budget and speed up the planning application process to ensure specified government timings could continue to be met.

Jubilee Garden of Remembrance at the Cemetery: As the flower beds have become somewhat overgrown, the Parish Council's contractor has been instructed to clear and re-plant the area. We anticipate that this work will take place w/c 8th January 2024.

The Christmas Tree was sourced from a new supplier and has been a great success this year. We would like to thank Hacklings Transport for supplying equipment and manpower and Bourton Vale Parking Limited for funding the purchase of the tree.

Periwinkle Bank – this is the footpath between Station Road and Cemetery Lane which is part of the circular walking routes around Greystones nature reserve. The resurfacing of this path was suggested by the Parish Council and voted by residents as one of the projects to be funded by Cotswold District Council's Tourist Levy. It is a well-used footpath which is not currently suitable for wheelchairs or anyone with mobility issues. The work is planned to take place in the near future.

Planters and Seating in front of The Willow pub, High Street – another of the three projects voted to be funded by the Tourist Levy. It was agreed to create a working group of councillors to take the project forward and agree a design specification.

Environmental Action Working Group – unfortunately we have had to press pause on this group's activities as we don't have the capacity to take this initiative forward at present. Thank you to residents who participated in past meetings.

Youth Club – our current provider of Friday sessions will finish on Friday 15th December. We are looking into options for re-launching and hope this will be possible in early 2024.

Coach Parking – options for parking as well as a pick-up and drop-off point in the village have continued to be discussed, although provision for coach parking at Bourton Vale is ceasing. A meeting was held between the Highways Committee, County Councillor Paul Hodgkinson and a GCC Highways representative, to discuss a private proposal for coach drop-off in the village centre near Glebe House, however, this proposal was later withdrawn. Nevertheless, the Parish Council decided to debate coach parking matters at an Extraordinary Meeting on 18th December and the outcome of the meeting will be in the minutes on our website.

Next Meeting Date: 7pm on Monday 8th January 2024 in the Windrush Room at the George Moore Community Centre. Please note change of date. All residents are welcome to attend our meetings.

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