



Minutes of the Bournmoor Parish Council Meeting - Monday 24th April 2023

Present: Cllr Robinson, Cllr Nelsey, G Oliver (Clerk), Cllr Batt, Cllr Holland, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Tait. Cllr Willoughby, Cllr Morrell

Guest: Cllr Bell (DCC), Cllr Heaviside (DCC)

- 1. Apologies for absence:**
No apologies for absence were received.
- 2. Declarations of interest:**
No declarations of interest were received.
- 3. Chair's announcements**
Cllr Robinson advised that Cllr Nelsey would be resigning from the Council following Mays AGM, due to moving out the area. Cllr Robinson thanked Cllr Nelsey for all her fantastic support and contributions to BPC over a 5 year period.
- 4. Public participation:**
No public were present.
- 5. Approve & sign the minutes of the last meeting**
The minutes from the meeting held on Mon 27th March 2023 were proposed as accurate by Cllr Nelsey, seconded by Cllr Morrell and agreed by all present.
- 6. Any business remaining from previous meetings**

G Oliver provided an update on the quotes received for the Safe driver signs and the various specs provided by both companies.

Action: G Oliver to obtain a further quote from Sign Lead for the higher spec, then check legal position with Highways before proceeding with any purchase.

Ken Clark has arranged for the repair of the stile.

7. County Councillors Report:

Cllr Bell & Cllr Heaviside provided the following updates:-

- A walkaround had taken place around Bournmoor with Karbon, Neighbourhood Warden, PSCOs and new PCs Dean Regan and Martin Nicholson.
- Karbon have a new housing officer - Suzanne Brooks
- As a result of the walkaround, a number of tenants will be receiving letters about the state of their gardens
- There has been an agreement of liability in terms of the 2 derelict houses - the next stage of action will be decided by the end of April - once action is known it would be good to place on Parish Council page.
- The closure of the path is also to be resolved
- Front of Lambourne Close has had a clear up along the field
- A drop in was held by Police at Fencehouses Community Centre, led by Sgt Clegg, although it wasn't widely publicised. They are hoping for a similar event to be held in Bournmoor.
- Ivy House in Fencehouses is nearing its opening and will be a family assessment centre, although will start of small in terms of numbers. Ivy House will have 4 independent units and 10 accommodation units, and will run 12 week residential training sessions.

Cllr Batt asked if next time there was a walkaround could BPC be included. Cllr Bell & Heaviside agreed and advised a litter pick of area was also to be arranged soon, and BPC would be welcome to attend that.

8. 'Clean & Green'

9. 'Secure & Safe'

- a. Police Report - Cllr Holland advised that Sgt Laura Hood had now moved outside the area.
- b. Container/Meeting with Toddler Group - Cllr Batt was asked if she could approach the leader of the Toddler Group and request whether they were interested in becoming a constituted organisation, otherwise BPC would be unable to help them especially in terms of funding applications

10. 'Healthy & Well'

11. 'Involved & Connected'

- a. Website - Cllr Nelsey had provided a detailed document on the operations of the website and had held a successful training night with Cllr Morrell and G Oliver.

- b. Facebook - G Oliver advised that as part of the training evening, she had updated the admins for the BPC facebook page, which will continue to be operated by herself and Cllr Morrell. Arrangements were also made for Cllr Morrell to have direct access to the BPC mailbox. It was also suggested that we could use social media to see if there are any electrical companies that can provide the council with a quote for an outside electric point.
- c. Village Walk - a reminder was provided to the Council that the June meeting would start earlier at 6pm, be a shorter meeting, followed by a Village Walk.
- d. Youth Club Provision - Cllr Robinson had not been able to meet with Durham Area Youth so a meeting would be provided at the next meeting.
- e. Scarecrow Trail Plans - Cllr Batt provided an update on plans for the event which will take place across the 9 and 10 September. An initial flyer has been developed and arrangements made to start the trail off at the cricket club with maps given out and will end at the Scout Hall. Both local schools Bournmoor and Woodlea Primary have agreed to help and take part.
- f. Village signage - this was covered earlier in the meeting under section 6.
- g. School Admissions - the council were advised that 12 people from Bournmoor were unsuccessful in their applications for Park View school. The situation is likely to get worse due to the criteria and distance away from Park View School. Park View didn't have the best Ofsted report, and needed a good to be able to bring in additional investment to consider extensions. A reinspection can be arranged within 6-12 months.
- h. Footbridge at New Lambton - Cllr Tait shared some photos received of the footbridge received from Ken Clark, showing the rotten of wood in places and needing repair work.

Action: Cllr Holland to talk to Ken Clark about ideas to fix the footbridge and to obtain quotes for repairs.

12. Financial Matters:

- a. G Oliver advised that wages were now being paid via payroll and therefore the tax was paid direct to HMRC, rather than coding out arrangements. The following payments were approved for payment : -

Clerk net pay - £264.93

Room Hire Bournmoor PCC - £40

CDALC - £286.55
BHIB Public Liability Insurance - £533.45
Bournmoor Conservation Group - £1000
1st Burnmoor Scouts - £156.32

- b. BCG payment for 23/24 - the council discussed the annual donation to Bournmoor Conservation Group. Cllr Nelsey proposed a donation of £1000, seconded by Cllr Morrell and agreed by all.

13. Planning Applications: None to discuss

14. Correspondence:

A request had been received from 1st Burnmoor Scouts for additional support to purchase 196 pairs of gloves for a litter pick as part of the Big Help Out coronation event, and to support refreshments afterwards. Cllr Robinson proposed that £106.32 for the gloves be approved alongside a £50 coronation tea donation, which was seconded by Cllr Morrell and approved by the Council.

Cllr Tait additionally updated on a poster/correspondence for a Coronation Event at the Church being held on 8th May 12-2.

Action : Cllr Tait to share poster with G Oliver, who will publicise the event on our social media.

15. Items for future meetings / agenda items

No additional items were received.

16. Next Meeting

To confirm the date, time & venue for the next meeting - Mon 22th May 23 @ 7pm in the Church Hall (AGM and monthly meeting)