



Minutes of Bournmoor Parish Council held on Monday 27 February 2023

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

Guest: Cllr Heaviside (DCC)

- 1. Apologies for absence:**
No apologies were received.
- 2. Declarations of interest:**
Cllr Batt declared an interest for item 12b - funding for Scouts, and Cllr Tait declared an interest in discussions/funding around the Church Parish Hall.
- 3. Chair's announcements**
Cllr Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 4. Public participation:**
No public members were present.
- 5. Approve & sign the minutes of the last meeting (Mon 16th January 2023)**
Amendments were agreed for section 5 (change to November meeting) and at item 10g (to change from Cllr Batt to Cllr Tait)

Cllr Tait also advised that the table top sale on 15th April was now likely to be 10am -12 midday, although this was changed after the meeting, so records from meeting on this item remained accurate at the time.

Following amendments the minutes were proposed as an accurate record by Cllr Morrell, and seconded by Cllr Tait and agreed by all.

6. Any business remaining from previous meetings

G Oliver advised that PC Hood was hoping to change existing appointments, to allow attendance at the March meeting.

A meeting was still to be arranged with the leader of the Toddler Group.

A date for the Scarecrow event in September still requires confirmation with the Parish Hall.

Cllr Batt advised that on checking, there were no warm packs left. The packs were provided through warm space and targeted at people who need them and maybe available next Winter.

Cllr Batt discussed the Xmas Tree switch on as a community event and possibility to house a feature tree in the Church grounds. However there would be a need for underground cable and electric socket by car park. The Council discussed how this would be a great idea for a Village Centre event, and would allow for other opportunities for groups to use and community events, as well as other options for an electric car charging point.

Action: Cllr Tait to discuss with the Church the option of arranging an electric point by Church Parish Hall car park.

Cllr Willoughby discussed the development on Lambton Estate and confirmed Bellway would be the new housing provider by the new roundabout. There is also a further development of between 30-70 houses on a fielded area although housing provider for that area is not yet confirmed. There is expected to be a café with additional considerations being given towards a bistro/restaurant, deli and possible office space for rent. Bellway builds are to start with the wider development 12-18 months away.

7. County Councillors Report:

Cllr Phil Heaviside advised for issues such as overgrown hedges on Rose Crescent and the missing Ellesmere street sign, could be reported through Durhams Do It On-Line system.

Action: G Oliver to arrange for a reminder on the Do It On-Live Service to be published on social media.

Cllr Armstrong provided a list/map of areas identified for improvements/remedial work to Cllr Heaviside, who agreed to review and progress as necessary with DCC.

Cllr Heaviside advised the playpark by the shops is due to be upgraded and will include additional equipment, with climbing boards and nets.

Cllr Heaviside remained concerned, as were the parish council, of the houses subsiding in Orchid Square and advised the wardens were now going to take enforcement action due to anti-social behaviour, including around the illegal closure of a footpath. Cllr Robinson advised that he has yet again had contact from local people and in particular, a resident on Orchid Square, who is

understandably still very frustrated as these properties have been in a dangerous state for many years now. Cllr Robinson reminded the Parish Council that he had contacted Karbon Homes Chief Executive and only received a standard response from their customer service department. Cllr Robinson asked Cllr Heaviside if he or Cllr Bell have applied any pressure on Karbon Homes in order to try to get a resolution. Cllr Heaviside said that this was out of his control as Karbon are an independent organisation from the County Council. It was discussed that there may be an option of informing the press in order to push for a resolution as this situation has been going on for years and the properties are in a dangerous state of repair and continue to attract unwanted attention and ant-social behaviour.

Cllr Heaviside advised there would be a visit to Bournmoor Primary School, with Kevan Jones MP in attendance next week, to celebrate the news that funding had been obtained to build a new school.

Cllr Heaviside also advised, that if the Church were interested in an electric charging point to let him know as he had put some proposals forward for community centres in the Division, and could add the Parish Hall to the request.

Cllr Armstrong asked if there was any further information on moving to a North East Combined Authority, involving 7 councils, with 1 elected mayor. Cllr Heaviside advised that the councils would remain, as now running their own constitutions but would be able to have 1 member in cabinet as part of a decision making forum.

8. 'Clean & Green'

No items discussed.

9. 'Secure & Safe'

a. Police Report - update from Cllr Peter Holland

Cllr Holland advised he had recently met with Inspector Morris, and mentioned that Inspector Morris had written to Bournmoor Parish Council to see if funding to assist with ANPR was a possibility. Cllr Heaviside advised that he was looking into this to see if it could all be funded through the Police and Crime Commissioners Office.

Action: G Oliver to place the request for APNR funding assistance to slack for all councillors to review.

b. CCTV - update from Cllr Willoughby

The CCTV signs were now in situ. Cllr Tait advised that they were also looking to make the CCTV equipment inaccessible to others via a locked cabinet.

Cllr Tait advised he had arranged Broadband for the Parish Hall as agreed, which BPC agreed to fund. Broadband fitting was arranged for 9 March - with an installation cost of £49.99 and one month broadband £21.99 being paid up front. A further 17 months at £21.99 would also require payment. BPC will pay the payment up front, and then the Church can arrange the relevant Direct Debit payments through their bank.

Action : Cllr Tait to send G Oliver the invoice for the remaining £373.83 of contract payment.

c. Container for Toddler Group - update from Cllr Nelsey

The Council discussed, should they proceed with a container, then it would need to be a Parish asset and used by others outside of Toddler Group, although there were some concerns raised as to the amount of spend required. The council agreed a discussion with the Toddler Group leader would be worthwhile to gain an insight into their longer term plans including organisation set up, before any further consideration.

Action: Meeting to be arranged between Toddler Group Leader, Cllr Robinson, Cllr Morrell and Cllr Batt.

10. 'Healthy & Well'

No items discussed

11. 'Involved & Connected'

a. Website - Cllr Nelsey advised updates continue to be placed on website, but going forward more assistance would be needed.

Action: Cllr Nelsey to discuss with G Oliver and Cllr Morrell

b. Facebook - Gillian Oliver advised facebook continues to be updated, including details on Lambton estate walk closures recently. G Oliver reminded everyone that if they see anything that would be useful to include on facebook to let her know.

c. Village Walk - Cllr Armstrong had provided most of the details to Cllr Heaviside earlier in the meeting, but advised the traffic lights recently on the A1052 were to fix a leak.

d. Youth Club Provision - Cllr Robinson advised numbers were now increasing with 12 now attending. There had been a leaflet drop in some

areas of the village, and an extension out to younger age children from Years 5 and 6 had paid dividends. The growth is slow but steady, but they are taking part in activities such as sport, arts, crafts, cooking and the young people are engaging. Additional funding has been applied for extra days and a trip over Easter.

- e. Liaison with Cricket Club - Cllr Willoughby advised there was no further news. After a lengthy attempt to make engagement with the cricket club, with little return, the Council agreed to now take this off the agenda.
- f. Scarecrow Trail Plans - Cllr Batt advised that interest remained positive and further people in community had advised they would take part. A family member is now designing leaflets and maps, and Cllr Batt hopes to have something to share by end of March.
- g. Village signage - Cllr Willoughby advised that Cllr Nelsey had designed some mock ups and as a council the 3rd design was voted as the favourite. The council agreed they would want at least 2 signs made but could be upto 4, and quotes should be pursued with the design chosen.

Action: Cllr Nelsey to send G Oliver the preferred design in an email attachment.

Action: G Oliver to contact Radecal and Sign Lead for Quotes and take back to BPC.

12. Financial Matters:

- a. Finance Report - the following payments were approved :-

Clerk - £661.99

Room Hire - £40

Broadband installation plus 1 month up front fee - £71.98

Room Hire - DAY - £260

Room Hire - Toddler Group - £240

1st Bournmoor Scouts - £100

Broadband 17 month contract - £373.83

- b. Funding request from 1st Burnmoor Scouts - Cllr Batt advised the 1st Bournmoor Scouts had sought a support for funding for litter picking equipment, which they could use in the area. A donation of £100 was proposed by Cllr Morrell and seconded by Cllr Armstrong and agreed.

Action: Cllr Batt to ask for request in writing from 1st Bournmoor Scouts to G Oliver to support the approval of the £100 payment.

- c. Funding application for AAP for The People Group - Cllr Robinson/Gillian Oliver advised that the AAP had written to ask if we could act as the funding application for the Toddler Group, as they were not a constituted organisation. The council agreed that they could not support this or act as the applicant at this stage, but would discuss with them as part of the arranged meeting.

Action: G Oliver to place on slack the request for funding application for Toddler Group.

13. Planning Applications: None to discuss

14. Correspondence:

All correspondence has been covered as part of other agenda items.

15. Items for future meetings / agenda items

No further items received.

16. Next Meeting

To confirm the date, time & venue for the next meeting - Mon 27th March 23 @ 7pm in the Church Hall