



## MINUTES OF BOURNMOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Present:** Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Willoughby, Cllr Tait, Cllr Batt, Cllr Morrell, Cllr Robinson, G Oliver

**Public Present:** 1

- 1. Apologies for absence :**  
No apologies were received.
- 2. Declarations of interest:**  
No declarations of interest were received.
- 3. Chair's announcements**  
Cllr Armstrong welcomed everyone to the meeting, and our guest Claire Proud from Toddlers Group.
- 4. Public participation:**  
There were no topics raised for discussion by the member of public present.
- 5. Guest: Claire Proud (Toddlers Group)**  
Claire advised the Parish Council that unfortunately due to family reasons and illness, the Toddler Group ran by Claire would be closing down as she had been unable to find anyone to take the group on. A number of toys from within the container, accrued by the group will be donated to local schools, children groups and foster families. Cllr Armstrong asked that the thanks to Claire from Bournmoor Parish and the wider community was recorded for everything she had done for Toddlers and appreciated her attending the meeting to advise the Parish Council of the position.
- 6. Approve & sign the minutes of the last meeting (Mon 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024)**  
  
The minutes from the last meeting were proposed as accurate from Cllr Willoughby, seconded by Cllr Tait and agreed by all present.
- 7. Any business remaining from previous meetings**  
There are no items for discussion, that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda.

**8. County Councillors Report:**

The county councillors were not in attendance, although it was noted the date of the monthly meetings of Bournmoor Parish had been changed to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month, to accommodate their attendance. No report was received. Bournmoor Parish Council advised they would still appreciate more details on the times and dates speeding guns/checks had been in operation within the community.

**9. 'Secure & Safe'**

- a. Police Report - Cllr Willoughby advised he had spoken to the PCSO Dean Regan, and had been sent a link to a report of incidents in the area, although this wasn't fully updated. Cllr Willoughby advised there had been some reports of bikes fed in, and some ASB and discussed speeding along Rose Crescent and by the Dun Cow. Cllr Willoughby advised that incidents are fed into a weekly discussion the police have with Cllr Bell. Cllr Willoughby was going to supply PSCO Regan with the Parish dates, and if he was on duty and it was quiet, he may be able to pop in for a short period. Cllr Batt also advised of a car on the field behind the garage at Lambton she had reported in.
- b. Bridge - Cllr Armstrong advised that he had received a message from DCC that building control were going to go back and visit/reassess the bridge and were in addition awaiting responses to track back historic fixes and ownership, including from the Clean and Green team.

**10. 'Involved & Connected'**

- a. Village signage - Gillian Oliver advised the order had gone in and was being processed by DCC but timescale for completion was not known.
- b. Bournmoor Community Hub - Cllr Willoughby advised he had updated the Church council that Bournmoor Parish had offered to pay for the sign and contribute to work to improve the garden area and were happy and grateful to receive this offer. Cllr Willoughby advised they were also looking at estimates to refurbish chairs. The Parish agreed it could be good if the Church Council could have a separate bank/funding account for the community hub, to ensure it was kept separate from the Church funds. Cllr Batt advised there could be other grants available for example Investing in Spaces & Places and there is a process through Asda for grants. Cllr Batt encouraged an application, although not everyone is successful, it was worth having a go for this community project.
- c. Scarecrow Trail 2024 - Cllr Batt and Cllr Tait discussed dates for the event, the weekend of 14/15 September was chosen and Cllr Tait will update and confirm with the Church
- d. Flower beds - Cllr Armstrong and G Oliver updated the council on a quote for DCC for supplying plants and maintaining the area (none of which has

been charged/costed to the Parish before) and was well over £3k. The council discussed and agreed at this cost, the council would not pursue and enter into any contract, and could consider a local Nursery. **Action: G Oliver to write to DCC/Clean and Green and advise BPC would not be entering into any contract for this service.**

**11. Financial Matters:**

a. The following payments were approved :-

Clerk - £301.20

Room Hire - BPCC - £40

Wel Medical - £151.02

**12. Planning Applications:** None to discuss

**13. Correspondence:**

There was no additional correspondence for discussion.

**14. Items for future meetings / agenda items**

The Xmas Tree light/switch on was asked to be put onto April agenda and include discussions around disabled parking access and parking arrangements and whether the Police event with Santa present could be arranged for the same night.

**15. Private Session in line with local Government (no public allowed) - Items to be discussed following the Exclusion of Public and Press under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 - part 2**

a) G Oliver provided an update on the election process.

**16. Next Meeting**

To confirm the date, time & venue for the next meeting - Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April 24 @ 7pm in the Church Hall