



Minutes of Bournmoor Parish Council held on Wed 16 November 2022.

Present: Cllr Nelsey (Acting Chair), G Oliver (Clerk), Cllr Willoughby, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Holland, Cllr Batt.

Guest: Cllr Bell (DCC)

1. **Apologies for absence:**
Apologies were received from Cllr Robinson, Cllr Tait and Cllr Morrell.
2. **Declarations of interest:**
None
3. **Chair's announcements**
Cllr Nelsey welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that Cllr Robinson asked her to pass on his thanks to all the council for their work during 2022, with progress being made in a number of areas. This would be the councils last meeting of 2022.
4. **Public participation:**
No public members were present.
5. **Approve & sign the minutes of the last meeting (Wed 19th October 2022)**
The minutes of the October meeting were proposed as accurate by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Willoughby and agreed by all councillors present, and were therefore signed off by Cllr Nelsey.
6. **Any business remaining from previous meetings**
Gillian Oliver updated on the Xmas Tree position, advising she would be working with Ken Clark of Bournmoor Conservation Group on sizes and delivery dates, with Leamside Nursery providing the trees.
7. **'Clean & Green'**
 - a. Bonfire Night - There was a police presence on the night, with some councillors walking around the area in advance of the bonfire. Arrangements had been made beforehand to ensure garden clearances. The Bonfire was cleared up between DCC and Karbon within days of the event.

8. **'Secure & Safe'**

- a. Police Report - Cllr Holland advised he had met with Inspector Lee Morris, with PC Mark Ferry now left his position within our area. A Police Officer will be replacing Mark, alongside a new sergeant. Cllr Holland will obtain names and work with Gillian to issue letters to the new staff to invite to a future meeting.

Action : Cllr Holland to work with Gillian Oliver to write letters to the new PC and Sergeant to invite to a future meeting.

- b. CCTV - Cllr Willoughby advised the CCTV had captured images of vandalism in September by Parish Hall, but police studies had been unable to recognise any of the individuals. Police advised they will increase presence in area.
- c. Container for Toddler Group - Cllr Nelsey advised she was still awaiting updated prices for the Container and suggested the ownership of the container be brought back to the January meeting.

Action: Cllr Nelsey to continue to pursue updated prices and include ownership on January agenda.

9. **'Healthy & Well'** - no items to report on.

10. **'Involved & Connected'**

- a. Website - Cllr Nelsey advised the council pages continue to be updated with suitable news.
- b. Facebook - Gillian Oliver advised followers continue to grow. Cllr Willoughby suggested it would be good to put a post on social media before the end of the year, reflecting back on some of the work and progress the Parish Council had made this year.

Action: G Oliver to publish an update on the councils work during 2022, to publish on social media before the end of year.

- c. Village Walk - several improvements had already been put in place from the Village Walk.
- d. Youth Provision - there had been a meeting in October half term, with Cllr Tait in attendance. Durham Area Youth have already started doing detached work on a Wed evening, although no feedback had yet been received. It is likely Durham Area Youth would want to start using the Parish Hall in the near future.

- e. Cricket club liaison - Cllr Willoughby advised he had sent a message to Alec Linsley from the cricket club but was still awaiting a response.

11. Financial Matters:

- a. Finance Report including payments for approval - the following were approved for payment:-
 - Burnmoor PCC Room Hire - £40
 - Clerk (Nov) - £441.33
 - Clerk (Dec) - £551.66

12. Planning Applications: none

13. Correspondence: none

14. County Councillors Report: Cllr Bell advised:-

- problems were still prevalent with the tunnel on Lambton Lane, and was working with Sunderland CC to get them to progress.
- some of the road had been resurfaced by the new roundabout at Houghton Gate
- Pit House Lane riding school, a request has been made for signage and road markings to make it safer to identify horse crossing areas
- Zipwire consultation for Play Area in Bournmoor led by DCC had obtained a poor response rate and an objection raised. Other options were now being looked into such as swings, including a basket swing.

15. Items for future meetings / agenda items: It was agreed that the January meeting would include:-

- Precept Setting
- Scarecrow Trail
- Signage for Village - Cllr Willoughby suggested a sign along the lines of 'Bournmoor Parish Council welcomes careful drivers'

16. Next Meeting

To confirm the date, time & venue for the next meeting - Mon 16th January 23.