



Minutes from the Bournmoor Parish Council meeting
held on Wednesday 15th June 22 at 7pm in the Church Hall.

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

Guests: Cllr Bell - DCC, Lee Morris – Neighbourhood Inspector, Chester-Le-Street Police

1. **Apologies for absence:**
Apologies were received from Cllr Bates.
2. **Declarations of interest:**
No declarations of interest from councillors were received.
3. **Chair's announcements**
Cllr Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular the new councillors in attendance - Cllr Batt and Cllr Morrell and Inspector Lee Morris. The other new councillor Cllr Bates was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but Cllr Robinson welcomed those joining and said it was great to get Bournmoor Parish Council up to a full compliment of councillors.
4. **Public participation:**
No members of the public attended the meeting.
5. **Approve & sign the minutes of the last meeting** (Wed 22nd May 2022)
The March minutes were moved and proposed as accurate by Cllr Nelsey, seconded by Cllr Tait, and agreed unanimously. Cllr Robinson signed off the minutes on behalf of the council.
6. **Any business remaining from previous meetings**
G Oliver advised that she had provided the response to Washington FC as agreed and put them in contact with Ian Linsley from Bournmoor Cricket Club.

The council agreed to move the Secure & Safe section & police report forward to allow Lee Morris to leave the meeting.

7. **'Secure & Safe'**

- a. Police Report - Insp Morris advised he really welcomed the opportunity to come to BPC and discussed recent issues from our community, which included Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) which has been responded to. In the last 30 days across our wider division Insp Morris said there had been 7 ASB instances, with no real pattern, they had dealt with domestic/mental health situations, 6 fuel thefts which are becoming more prevalent with the cost of living and 4 vehicle crime cases, although Chester-Le-St was one of the safest areas in Durham.

Insp Morris advised he leads a team of 2 sergeants (Andy Davison for Lumley/Fencehouses area, with 4 PCs and 5 PCSOs and Kay Howarth for Sacriston/Pelton with 4 PCs and 4 PCSCs), although advised neither team was fully staffed to the right levels at present. The neighbourhood team works 8am-10pm, with other facilities available outside of this 24 hours a day. For Bournmoor, Mark Ferry is our PC and Janelle Taylor is our PCSO.

Insp Morris would like to continue lines of communication between them and BPC and look at opportunities to work together and stressed how important it was for anyone to report crimes, as they need the intelligence to be able to tackle. Cllr Robinson advised about the reporting leaflets we had distributed across community and how BPC continue to publicise through social media avenues. Insp Morris advised with service 101 it receives 1200-1500 calls daily.

Cllr Tait discussed with Insp Morris the window break incident at the church hall, alongside young people gatherings causing concerns in the community. Insp Morris advised that when they recently got to a critical point in ASB and gatherings, dispersal notices were issued, with over 20 being issued that first night, which had the desired effect with people leaving the area and had increased their police presence to monitor.

Cllr Batt advised there continued to be issues with off-road bikes with residents complaining. Insp Morris advised, continue to report these when seen, but he was happy to be notified direct by BPC when there was an incident but requested if doing so, we also report through the correct channels as incidents would still need to be officially logged. Whilst Insp Morris advised he could understand people's frustrations with off-road bikes, they do catch people and can review CCTV in the area.

Cllr Bell asked to note on record following the incidents at cricket club, church and across Bournmoor, everyone's thanks to Insp Morris and team for work done in the area to make it safer. Karbon, DCC, Wardens, Police all came together with a multi-agency approach and the engagement across was brilliant. He advised that Karbon have issued letters to tenants, advising they could lose their home if members of a Karbon Homes household are involved in crime and ASB in the area, which has had the desired effect.

Insp Morris advised they were now looking at opportunities for activities for young people, to keep them off the streets, with £10k funding available to each police area. Insp Morris was already looking at options for Bournmoor and Lumley areas. Cllr Robinson advised BPC were also looking at opportunities for young people and would be keen to engage on this subject.

Cllr Robinson advised with all the ASB and concerns, they would welcome CCTV in the area. Insp Morris advised he would be happy to get one of his team to come out and do a survey of area with BPC. Cllr Robinson thanked Insp Morris for all of the work they are doing in our area and for attending the meeting and confirmed that BPC look forward to continued joint working in the future.

Action: G Oliver to liaise with Insp Morris and Cllr Willoughby to arrange suitable date/time for CCTV survey.

Insp Morris thanked BPC for the chance to attend the meeting and looked forward to working more closely moving forward.

- b. Speeding Concerns - Cllr Armstrong is still to follow up arranging a meeting with David Lewins.

8. 'Clean & Green'

- a. Karbon Homes - Cllr Robinson has written in relation to the derelict houses to the Chief Executive, Paul Fiddaman, with an acknowledgement received from his customer support team. Cllr Robinson will publish response when received.

Cllr Holland had walked around the area today and noticed 2/3 fences down, others weren't secure and others had gardens full of junk although couldn't identify whether houses were Karbon or privately owned.

Action : Cllr Robinson to additionally write to Chief Exec and add concerns on fencing, grass cutting etc.

- b. Seat at Houghton Gate - Cllr Holland asked whether BPC could support the purchase of a new seat at Houghton Gate area, as the current one was old and potentially in the wrong place. Cllr Nelsey advised it would be good to keep the gold theme in that area. BPC advised after discussion they would support the request in principle and asked Cllr Holland to liaise with Ken Clerk to obtain suitable options.

Action : Cllr Holland to liaise with Ken Clerk and return to BPC with options for a new seat.

9. 'Healthy & Well'

- a. Facilities for Young People -Cllr David Robinson advised he had been trying to find an organisation to offer Youth Sessions, and had been in discussions with Kate Welsh who is chair of the organisation that manages the Houghton Old Rectory. Cllr Robinson will continue to pursue and is looking to establish running costs and options for BPC to assist with funding. Cllr Tait advised currently the Church Hall was not used on a Thursday or Friday night and could be used as a venue. Cllr Robinson advised he was looking at the 12-16 age group, although Cllr Batt said it would also be good to look at options for the younger age groups.
- b. Collaboration between BPC, cricket/tennis club & church - Cllr Willoughby advised he had hand delivered the letter now to the cricket club, who would discuss our letter at their next meeting. Cllr Willoughby advised CCTV was now present at the cricket club, alongside a secure fence and was being used more widely by football clubs so it used more regularly.
- c. Lambton Estate Permitted Pathways - Cllr Robinson discussed the response and advised he was disappointed this was only open for shorter periods than previous years. Cllr Robinson advised he may pursue with wider DCC councillors who supported the move.

10. 'Involved & Connected'

- a. Website - new photos of Lambton estate, crimestoppers information had been added and we'd look to include new photos and bios of the new councillors.
- b. Facebook -Gillian Oliver provided an updated on articles posted on BPC site and followers continue to grow.
- c. Village Walk - Cllr Armstrong suggested a proposed date of 15th July for a village walk with all parties.

Action: Cllr Armstrong to discuss suitable dates with Karbon and progress from those discussions.

11. Financial Matters:

- a. Finance Report including payments (Gillian Oliver) - the following accounts were agreed and signed off by BPC:-
Church Hall Room Hire - £40
Clerk Wage - £441.33

Auditor - £100

- b. AGAR Process - all paperwork was presented to BPC following the auditor review and agreed for sign off. Paperwork will now be submitted to Local Councils in advance of their 30 June deadline and posted on website for all to access.
- c. Bournmoor Conservation Group in lieu of donation - Cllr Holland was asked to obtain the information from the group on what a donation would roughly be spent on in the coming year.

12. Planning Applications: None discussed.

13. Correspondence: None for discussion.

14. County Councillors Report:

Cllr Bell advised the Find and Fix team will be doing work in the Church area later in year. Cllr Tait asked whether they could do a tree survey, whilst present. Cllr Tait agreed to send the details to Cllr Bell. Cllr Bell advised they would be talking to the AAP to continue young people provisions and would keep BPC upto date with plans/outcomes.

15. Items for future meetings / agenda items

- a. Container for Toddler Group .

16. Items to be discussed following the Exclusion of the Public and Press under The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1

Discussions took place in relation to the Budget for 22/23 and updates from the co-option exercise.

17. Next Meeting

To confirm the date, time & venue for the next meeting - Wed 20th July @ 7pm in the Church Hall