



Minutes of Bournmoor Parish Council held on Monday 16 January 2023.

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

1. **Apologies for absence:**
No apologies for absence were received.
2. **Declarations of interest:**
None
3. **Chair's announcements**
Cllr Robinson wished everyone a Happy new Year and hoped for a good 2023 for the Parish Council.

The decision was noted, that due to the new Youth Club facility meeting on a Wednesday night, that Parish Council meetings would now take place on the 4th Monday of every month, except August and December. It was also noted that future consideration may need to be given to the date of the January meeting, due to Precept deadlines.

Decision: Council Meetings will take place on the 4th Monday of every month.

4. **Public participation:**
No public members were present.
5. **Approve & sign the minutes of the last meeting (Wed 16th November 2022)**
The minutes of the November meeting were proposed as accurate by Cllr Holland, seconded by Cllr Armstrong and agreed by all councillors present, and were therefore signed off by Cllr Nelsey (November meeting Acting Chair).
6. **Any business remaining from previous meetings**

Gillian Oliver had worked with Cllr Holland to do letters to PC Mark Ferry to thank him for his service over the last 21 years and wish him well for his future role. Letters were also issued to the PC Laura Hood and Sergeant Clegg for this area to introduce the Parish Council and invite to a future meeting . PC

Laura Hood had responded to thank for the warm welcome and would welcome coming to a future meeting when dates allow.

Action: G Oliver to contact PC Hood and advise change of meeting dates, and see when they may be available to attend.

G Oliver had published a review of the year, advising on the work of Bournmoor Parish Council before the end of 2022, which was shared across Facebook and the Website.

7. 'Clean & Green'

No updates from this meeting.

8. 'Secure & Safe'

- a. Police Report - Cllr Holland advised he had received an update from PCSO Janelle Taylor, advising of a few reports of Anti-Social Behaviour, off-road bikes, criminal damage and vehicle crime. A discussion took place around the Quad Bikes, being seen frequently around Lumley Park Burn. Everyone was reminded to continue to report any instances seen.

Action : G Oliver to keep reminding people via social media on regular occasions around the need to report and options on ways to do so.

- b. CCTV - Cllr Willoughby advised there had been no further issues to report through the CCTV. The signs made to advise CCTV in operation still need to be put up and having wifi access in the Parish Hall would also help.

Action: Cllr Tait to approach a joiner via C Proud to see if the signs could be put in place.

Action: Cllr Tait to progress opportunity to install Wifi into Parish Hall.

- c. Container for Toddler Group - Cllr Nelsey advised she had received an updated quote to include a solid base, a new container, remove the old container and include suitable racking, which was £11, 350.

It was discussed that the container, could be used for other means as well as the Toddler Group, including the Youth Club or Parish Council needs and a wider discussion would be useful with Toddler Group, to understand their needs and their internal operations, as part of the funding considerations.

Action: Cllr Robinson, Cllr Morrell and Cllr Batt to arrange meeting with Toddler Group, other councillors were invited to submit questions in advance of the meeting.

9. 'Healthy & Well'

Cllr Batt advised she had received notification that there were some 'warm packs' available from Fencehouses Community Centre for the elderly and did councillors know of anyone who may benefit, although was not aware whether any may be left at the time of the meeting.

Action: Cllr Batt to establish whether any packs were remaining.

10. 'Involved & Connected'

- a. Website - Cllr Nelsey advised the council pages continue to be updated with suitable news. The website had also been updated with the new council meeting dates
- b. Facebook - Gillian Oliver advised followers continue to grow and the review of the year had been placed on facebook before the end of 2022.
- c. Village Walk - Cllr Armstrong advised on a number of areas:-
 - a sign by the Houghton Gate new roundabout had been blown down by the wind
 - there was also no sign for Ellesmere on the corner of the street, which is leading to confusion on the set up between that and Beaumaris.
 - hedges on Rose Crescent need attention
 - there are roots coming through the paths and hedges overgrown along the A1052 past the Dun Cow.
 - Bellway are now developing houses in the Lambton Estate - advertising for Spring 2023.

Action: G Oliver to contact Cllr Bell on areas raised and seek update in advance of the next meeting

The Councillors discussed the Xmas Trees which had been received well in the community and would like to put their thanks on record to the Bournmoor Conservation Group for their support in planting and decorating. Cllr Batt asked whether there was an opportunity to do a Xmas Tree reveal/switch on for Bournmoor for Xmas 2023, as in Great Lumley.

Great Lumleys are attached to electric outside the Community Centre, but it could be something we could consider going forward.

Action: Cllr Batt to discuss with Cllr Bell and Cllr Heaviside the possibility of having a Xmas Tree switch on and associated processes.

- d. Youth Provision - the Council heard that the sessions had now started indoors, although there were 10 people now on the books, the actual attendance had been limited. Other options were being considered to raise profile such as press releases, school drops and highlighting activities planned such as sports, cooking, film nights etc.

Action: Cllr Robinson to invite Stephen from Durham Area Youth to a future meeting.

- e. Cricket club liaison - Cllr Willoughby advised there was still no update from the cricket club as the cricket club had not yet held a meeting to discuss.
- f. Scarecrow Trail - Cllr Batt advised on work she had undertaken so far to develop a scarecrow trail for the area in September. She has developed possible routes, spoke to local businesses who were on board with the idea and would also make scarecrows, spoke about sweets as a reward for children completing the trail and highlighted how this would be a great way to show off the local Villages, and talked about promotional work and leaflets. The Council agreed this was a great idea and something the Parish Council would want to support. Suitable dates discussed were the week-end of 9/10 or 16/17 September.

Action: Cllr Tait to check with Parish Hall which date would work best

Action: G Oliver to include Scarecrow Trail as a regular agenda item.

- g. Signage into Village - Cllr Willoughby discussed some options for having additional signage as drivers approached the Bournmoor village signs, to welcome safe drivers into the area. It was agreed to proceed with some quotes for consideration.

Action : Cllr Willoughby to progress suitable quotes for consideration.

Cllr Tait advised there was a Pancake Day at the Parish Church Hall, with a free drop in between 5-6.30pm. There is also a table top sale planned

for 15th April between 11am -1pm at £5 a table if anyone is interested.
Details are advertised around the Parish Hall.

11. Financial Matters:

- a. Finance Report including payments for approval - the following were approved for payment:-
Burnmoor PCC Room Hire - £40
Clerk (Jan) - £441.33
Council Expenses (Jan-March) - £227.91

- b. Precept Setting - After discussion, Cllr Morrell proposed that the 23/24 Precept should be set at £13,460, which was seconded by Cllr Batt and was voted in by a favour majority.

Action: G Oliver to complete paperwork and submit decision and 23/24 precept request into DCC in advance of their January deadline.

12. Planning Applications: none

13. Correspondence: none

14. County Councillors Report: no councillors were present to advise.

Action: G Oliver to obtain update report from DCC if they are unable to attend meetings

15. Items for future meetings / agenda items: no further items were advised.

16. Next Meeting

To confirm the date, time & venue for the next meeting - Mon 27th February 23.