



Minutes from the Bournmoor Parish Council meeting
held on Wednesday 18th May at 7pm in the Church Hall.

Present: Cllr Robinson (Chair), Cllr Tait, Cllr Nelsey, Cllr Armstrong, G Oliver (Clerk)

Guests: Cllr Heaviside - DCC

1. **Apologies for absence:**
Apologies were received from Cllr Willoughby, Cllr Holland.

Cllr Heaviside (DCC) commented that Cllr Bell (DCC) was unable to attend.
2. **Declarations of interest:**
No declarations of interest from councillors were received.
3. **Chair's announcements**
Cllr Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
4. **Public participation:**
No members of the public attended the meeting.
5. **Approve & sign the minutes of the last meeting (Wed 16th March 2022)**
The March minutes were moved and proposed as accurate by Cllr Tait, seconded by Cllr Armstrong, and agreed unanimously. Cllr Robinson signed off the minutes on behalf of the council.
6. **Any business remaining from previous meetings**
Cllr Heaviside had shared the traffic survey study and had asked for a further traffic survey to be done by the A183 and Scout Hall. Cllr Nelsey advised now the road was open past Castlefields from the roundabout, cars were now speeding through.
Action: Cllr Armstrong to invite David Lewin to a future meeting to discuss traffic control.
7. **'Clean & Green'**
 - a. Litter & fouling stencils -Cllr Geoff Armstrong provided an update that the dog stencils were all in place and looked great around the Village, and were hopeful these would encourage residents to clean up after their dogs.
 - b. Karbon Homes behind Orchard Square - Cllr Robinson advised that concerns had been raised around the derelict buildings, where flytipping is also being noticed.

Action: Cllr Robinson to write to Chief Exec of Karbon Homes to highlight concerns and request action on the derelict homes, with a view to publishing any response.

8. **'Secure & Safe'**

a / b /c. Police Report/Crime/Dispersal orders - The council discussed the effectiveness of the dispersals orders, with progress being noted. It was good to see more police presence in the village and in the Flowers estate but it was also noticed now the progress had been made, that the police presence was easing off. It was agreed that the council will continue to remind residents how to report crime on the BPC website and facebook.

d. Speeding concerns in village - the council has discussed this earlier in the meeting, with a request to pursue the attendance of David Lewin at a future meeting.

e. CCTV - Cllr Robinson had written a letter to both the Church and Cricket Club, which G Oliver had issued, to request working collaboratively and look at options for working together including CCTV. A response had been received from the Church which was positive, but no response had been received yet from the cricket/tennis club. Cllr Tait advised the church council had agreed the sentiments of the letter and were very much on board. Cllr Robinson advised that it would be good to get all the representatives from all these areas together and look at options, with Cllr Nelsey suggesting we could look at local companies to explore options for CCTV. It was agreed collectively all options should be explored for feasibility. Cllr Armstrong also advised CCTV would be useful in area as he'd also received reports of ducks being shot, which is illegal at this time of year and concerning dog activity.

Action: Cllr Willoughby to look into feasibilities for CCTV, including own purchase or County supported, venues and options for demonstrations.

Action: Publishing opportunities for advising residents on ways to report crime or areas of concern to continue on a regular basis.

Action: Cllr Holland to invite Inspector Lee Morris to a future meeting.

f. Storm Damage - Cllr Tait advised he had written to MP Kevan Jones around the incidents following the storm and being unable to establish whether a cable that had fallen down was live, and at risk to public, after being unable to contact key people at the time of the emergency. Kevan Jones had written to DCC, Fire Service and Npower following Cllr Tait's letter and had shared responses. DCC Highways advised they couldn't do anything as it was responsibility of Northern Power. The Fire Service

advised Unions don't allow them to cover this activity, they aren't trained in isolating high voltage and Northern Power wouldn't allow the Fire Service to do so. Northern Power advised they had high demand, and had to prioritise but would review emergency procedures. The Fire Service were in agreement with Cllr Tait that this issue should be raised in Parliament. Cllr Tait advised he would be writing back to Kevan Jones to request this.

9. 'Healthy & Well'

- a. Facilities for Young People -Cllr David Robinson advised he would be speaking with North East Youth next week.
- b. Lambton Estate Permitted Pathways - Cllr Robinson and Gillian Oliver had both contacted Lambton Estate requesting an update on the shortened access time for the walks, and had asked who had they been liaising with at DCC, as the understanding was access times had previously been agreed, and would be open until 6pm. No response has been received to date.

Action: G Oliver to issue a reminder to Lambton Estate and request a response.

10. 'Involved & Connected'

- a. Website -Gillian Oliver advised the website was continuing to receive requests for additions to links, which were being published by Cllr Nelsey.
- b. Facebook -Gillian Oliver provided an updated that BPC had now reached 400 followers.

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
- b. AGAR Process - all paperwork has been completed in readiness for an independent audit. Formal document sign off will be brought to the June meeting following the audit.
- c. Bournmoor Conservation Group in lieu of donation - to be brought back to the next meeting, with Cllr Peter Holland not available tonight.

12. Planning Applications: G Oliver mentioned an update had just been received on the Smiths Arms in advance of the meeting. G Oliver will share with councillors.

13. Correspondence:

G Oliver advised a request had been received for funding from Washington Football Club for a fence around the cricket club.

Action: G Oliver to respond to Washington FC and advise BPC work in collaboration with the cricket club and should they have any requests they should contact Ian Lindsay.

14. County Councillors Report:

Cllr Phil Heaviside mentioned the fence that had been fitted at Bournmoor Cricket Club. Flytipping had been removed from the back of the pizza shop. Wardens had been inspecting and had issued a few community orders for action, particularly with the mess of some gardens. Cllr Heaviside has written to Karbon around concerns raised on housing subsiding whilst in meeting tonight. Cllr Armstrong asked around frequency of grass cutting for this year, Cllr Heaviside has asked the question

15. Items for future meetings / agenda items

- a. Village walk to be included on next agenda.
- b. Seat replacement for Houghton Gate to be included on next agenda.

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

The Parish Council received four applications following an open process in respect of co-option for the three vacancies on the Parish Council. Three applications were received on time. A fourth application was received late. Parish Councillors unanimously decided to consider the three applications that were received on time and in the event of one or more of them being deemed unsuitable, they would then consider the fourth. After detailed consideration, all three of the applications were considered suitable and the council unanimously decided to offer the positions to the applicants. Applicant number four was therefore not considered. It was agreed to inform all applicants of the decisions and invite the three successful candidates to attend the June meeting and complete the necessary paperwork.

17. Next Meeting

To confirm the date, time & venue for the next meeting - Wed 15th June @ 7pm in the Church Hall