

Parish Council of Bournmoor

**Meeting of Bournmoor Parish Council, via Zoom,**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.00pm**

1. **Present** – Cllr Tait (Chair), Cllr Robinson, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Holland, G Oliver (Clerk, minuting), Cllr Nelsey, Cllr Brady  
**Guest** – Cllr Bell (DCC)
  
2. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr White
  
3. **Chairmans Introduction** – Cllr Tait welcomed everyone to the virtual Parish meeting, via zoom and thanked Cllr Robinson for his hosting as chair at last months meeting. Condolences were also passed onto G Oliver, following the recent passing of her grandad.
  
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – May minutes were approved and signed off by Cllr Robinson per pro the Council.

It was agreed that the May annual minutes, should be circulated to councillors, although these wouldn't be reviewed until the annual meeting in 2021.

5. **Police report** – Cllr Holland provided an update on crime and concerns within the area. There have been a number of concerns raised around groups of children gathering during covid period, it is hoped this might reduce now restrictions are being lifted. At the turning circle and areas of Bournmoor there is evidence of gas canisters being left, following suspected inhaling, and increased drug dealing. G Oliver agreed to write to Chester Le Street police on behalf of Bournmoor Parish, to advise of concerns in area.

Details of crime within our area can be found usually through this link (although this is not being updated at present due to covid 19 and staffing priorities):-

<https://www.police.uk/durham/CLS6/crime/>

6. **Matters Arising** – There were a number of areas, where residents had fed in concerns over speeding. A speed limit is being talked about on the A183, which may help if implemented. A speed sign, costing 11K was discussed, but councillors felt this was a significant amount of money, and drivers would become aware of where sign was situated. Residents were to be encouraged to report into police via

on line form, concerns over any speeding seen and Cllr Holland will also raise with PSCO Christine Taylor.

G Oliver will put an article of Facebook to show residents we are reporting incidents that they advise us of or are seen e.g. speeding, flytipping, and encourage them to continue to report.

Cllr Armstrong suggested that K Clark be invited to a future meeting, to advise where the trees would be planted, after a successful application. G Oliver advised the locations were already agreed, as part of the application process, involved including the grid reference for the trees.

7. **Standards matters** – Facebook is now fully operational and continues to grow with new followers.
  
8. **Financial matters** – The following accounts were agreed & paid:-
  - G Oliver - £395.92
  - Bank Balance - £48,013.70

It was agreed a printer would be purchased between Bournmoor and Little Lumely Parish to use.

9. **Correspondence** – Cllr Brady and G Oliver, advised they had received details of an Environmental survey for the Lumley Park Burn area. G Oliver advised she would place the survey on Facebook.
  
10. **Village Matters** – Concerns were raised over the flytipping being seen by the tunnel in new Lambton – although this had already been reported to Durham to clear, due to location of the flytipping. Concerns have also been fed in around the graffiti within the tunnel and how the area is in a state of disrepair, with the railway bridge looking dangerous, it may be worth considering CCTV around this area. Cllr Bell will follow up, and see if the area can be inspected, and then made contact with relevant organisation, which could be the railway.

The Bournmoor sign has had the Perspex smashed, which displays with our historical map. It was agreed that this should be replaced to avoid further damage. Cllr Brady will measure up and will advise G Oliver of the details, so the Perspex can be ordered and sign restored.

The council discussed purchasing new benches – G Oliver highlighted ones available in blue to thank the NHS and could include reference to those affected in our community by Covid 19. G Oliver advised the cost would be around £900 plus VAT and £80 delivery charge.

Cllr Brady also advised, on friendly benches, which would be a nice focal place for residents to meet, whilst able to maintain social distancing. Cllr Brady would send G Oliver the details to consider.

The Cllrs will consider a walk around in July, to look at possible locations for benches and look for ideas to improve the community.

Other areas highlighted include:-

- Dog fouling is on increase, if dog bins are not present, normal bins can be used.
- Issues remain with quad biking. G Oliver to look into 'Off road vehicles are prohibited' signage.
- It is the time of year where hedges and trees become overgrown, G Oliver to place reminder on facebook, reminding people they can cut new growth only but harsh thrashing is to be avoided between Feb and September, due to bird nesting season.
- Cllr Nelsey asked whether there were any updates on a roundabout being placed by H Gate, nothing has been heard yet.
- Paths are closed by Bournmoor Cricket club for work.
- Feedback service is going well, and used by many within our community.

**Next Meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020. The meeting closed at 20:25