

Parish Council of Bournmoor

**Meeting of Bournmoor Parish Council, Bournmoor Church Hall, 7pm**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

1. **Present** – Cllr Robinson (Chair), Cllr Tait, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Holland, G Oliver (Clerk, minuting), Cllr Willoughby.
2. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr McKitten, Cllr Brady, Cllr Nelsey
3. **Chairmans Introduction** – Cllr Robinson welcomed everyone to the first face to face meeting in over a year, and thanked Cllr Tait for setting up the Church Hall.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Some slight amendments to the May minutes were made and then approved and signed off by Cllr Robinson per pro the Council.
5. **Police Report** – Cllr Holland advised he had been in contact with Joy Allen, the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Durham about his own concerns over the custody suite and how the lack of constables on the beat has lost connections to residents. Joy advised on taking up post she will be reviewing decisions and visiting local forces.  
  
**Action: Cllr Robinson to write to Joy Allen, PCC and invite her to attend a Bournmoor Parish Council meeting.**
6. **Matters Arising** – G Oliver had been in contact with JRB, the dog dispensers are back in stock, and will now progress with the purchase.

The tree declared unsafe at the top of Callington Close has now been removed.

Sign Lead are designing the 'Griffin Wood' sign.

G Oliver has written to DCC again to chase up progress with our funding bid for community facilities.

**Action: G Oliver will write and ask Cllr Bell for an update in the bin ordered by the bus shelter, whether dog stencils can be used, and to check on the hedge by Brecon View.**

**Action: G Oliver to circulate the designs for Griffin Wood when received, to seek councillor views on a preferred choice.**

7. **Facilities for Young People/Bournmoor Village Plan** – Cllr Robinson talked about a number of views heard from residents that we needed to provide more facilities in the community for young people, and therefore over the next year the Parish Council needed to act on that feedback.

G Oliver had been liaising with companies around the possibility of purchasing goal posts for the Lumley Burn area, and had some rough costs.

Cllr Robinson discussed it would be good to get a goalpost up, then look at other play equipment, but providing a seating area would be good with picnic tables and bins in the area.

The council also discussed whether there were any options to partner with Bournmoor Cricket Club, and advised Iain Lindsey would be a good contact.

The council discussed whether there had been any feedback from the Karbon questionnaire on the Flowers Estate, that we could feed into our considerations on facilities in Bournmoor. Nothing had been received so far.

**Action: G Oliver to contact Cllr Bell, to establish the lease on the land and ensure we can install items on the Lumley Park Burn area.**

**Action: Should we establish we can install items on the land, it was agreed that G Oliver obtain a formal quote for 1 goalpost, 7 a side size and price up 2 picnic benches.**

**Action: G Oliver to contact our division County Councillors and ask to chase feedback from the Karbon questionnaire and advise on any next steps.**

**Action: Cllr Robinson to agree a form of words, and key points for the meeting on facilities for our facebook/website pages to advise what areas Bournmoor Parish Council has agreed to pursue.**

8. **Standards matters** – The council discussed the logo options for the Parish Council. The tree logo was the one with the most votes, and it was agreed that we should proceed with that as our logo and purchase from wix.

**Action: G Oliver to advise Cllr Nelsey on the outcome, and advise on decision to purchase the tree logo.**

Cllr Nelsey has also updated the website with the new councillors, and useful links. Cllr Nelsey was thanked for her work.

9. **Financial matters** – The following accounts were agreed & paid:-

The 20/21 Accounts have all been audited, and have been signed off and will now be published on our Website.

20/21 Summary – Income £13858, Expenditure £11657. Bank Balance end March 21: £48348

The following accounts were agreed and paid:-

- Clerk - £441.33
- Church Hall hire £40

Cllr Robinson had reviewed the accounts and tabled a recommendation for budget spend, allowing for necessary reserve funds with the remaining budget split across key areas for 21/22 – Core Funds/Running Costs, Clean & Green, Secure & Safe, Health & Well, Involved and Connected, to highlight the intent to invest in the village.

**Decision: Councillors present unanimously agreed to support the proposals.**

**Action: Cllr Robinson to circulate budget proposals to councillors absent from tonight's meeting.**

10. **Correspondence** – Cllr Robinson discussed better ways to communicate with each other as a council, as many received e-mails to their personal accounts covering council and personal business. Cllr Robinson recommended a communication forum called Slack inbetween meetings.

**Action: Cllr Robinson to set up a Slack account for BPC councillors and clerk.**

G Oliver arranged for all remaining Declaration of Office and Register of Intent Forms to be signed.

**Action: G Oliver to deliver forms to Cllr McKitten and Cllr Brady. G Oliver will send the completed Register of Intent forms off now to DCC.**

#### 11. Village Matters

G Oliver has arranged for some councillors to meet with those involved in the Houghton Gate roundabout development, at the Walled Garden on 21<sup>st</sup> June @ 2pm.

The litter pick in Bournmoor was a great success bringing together the parish council, with DCC, police, Karbon, council wardens and Bournmoor Conservation Group. What was disappointing and acknowledged was how quickly litter had appeared since the clean up day.

Cllr Robinson had made enquiries with Little Lumley and Great Lumley, around taken on a lengthsman for jobs. Both chairman had offered to discuss and Cllr Bell is also discussing with DCC to see if they could offer any support

Other areas discussed in meeting included:-

- Whether the green area, the old school playing area, could be designated as a Village Green or whether seating area and flower beds could be planted
- How more skips in the area could be useful, and one certainly before 5<sup>th</sup> November
- Broadband issues in Castlefield after new system put in
- Quality and frequency of grasscutting in the area
- Still awaiting trees to be cut down by Bournmoor Cricket Club
- Cllr Armstrong is still awaiting traffic section in DCC to get back to him around speed signage, as we may need permission to install
- Parking concerns at Callington Close, as it was raised by Cllr Brady, it was agreed to come back to this at the next meeting.

**Action: G Oliver to write to County Councillors and ask whether there are any plans for the old school field area on West View.**

**Action: Cllr Robinson to contact Karbon to suggest the hire of a skip every month may be useful to promote regular clean ups.**

**Action: G Oliver to write to Cllr Bell for details on frequency of grasscutting and highlight quality concerns.**

**Action: Cllr Armstrong to chase traffic section at DCC for permission for speed signs.**

**Action: Callington Close parking to be discussed at next meeting.**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting would be held on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021 at 7pm.

**Action: Cllr Tait to book the Church Hall.**