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## Minutes of Bournmoor Parish Council

held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 7pm in the Church Hall.

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

**Guest:** Ken Clerk - Bournmoor Conservation Group, Stephen Davison - Durham Area Youth, Cllr Bell (DCC), Cllr Heaviside (DCC) , Gemma Bates.

1. **Apologies for absence:**  
All councillors were present, therefore no apologies received.
2. **Declarations of interest:**  
None
3. **Chair's announcements**  
Cllr Robinson welcomed Stephen and Ken to the meeting and welcomed Gemma Bates to her first meeting, advising he was also delighted to everyone, bringing a wide range of skills, experience and knowledge to benefit the Parish.
4. **Guest: Stephen Davison - Youth Manager - Durham Area Youth (DAY)**  
Stephen advised he was delighted to attend and has been looking at youth provision in the area and was welcoming the collaboration between the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner, Durham CC, Great Lumley Parish, Bournmoor Parish and Durham Area Youth.

Stephen explained the set up of DAY which started as a charity of 2017 and his experience as a Youth Worker across Durham villages and is always keen to get young people into volunteering opportunities such as community gardens or activities suitable for ages 6-11 and/or 11-19. In Youth work, each young person would have a role whether events, fundraiser, social media and work hard to develop those with ASBs into good people. They have elections, include young people in value, have award schemes and have taken groups to Houses of Parliament.

Stephen explained about the Youth provision in Great Lumley, working to create openings for people otherwise on streets, and had noticed a drop in ASB within the area since opening and would welcome the opportunity to start a similar provision within Bournmoor.

Cllr Robinson advised it would be great for the community and was really keen to work with a professional organisation. Stephen advised they would advertise for Youth workers/support team with himself managing the overall provision, with appropriate funding for his role.

Stephen advised all relevant procedures - Safeguarding, Risk Assessments etc would all be in place and would focus on the age range 11-19 first, before moving to the younger age group. Cllr Batt advised it would be useful to include the younger age group at the earliest opportunity.

For funding for 1 years provision, Stephen advised the costs would be around £15k. Funding is being put together from Great Lumley PC, Durham PCC, Durham CC and Bournmoor PC.

The councillors at Bournmoor PC then discussed and all councillors agreed unanimously to support funding - initially set at £5k, but could support up to £7.5k. Moving forward funding would be considered as part of the annual Precept.

**5. Guest: Ken Clark - Bournmoor Conservation Group**

Cllr Robinson thanked Ken for all the work Bournmoor Conservation Group continues to do in the area. Ken provided an update on the work of BCG, with volunteers getting harder to get. Ken talked around some of the costs being outlaid by the BCG, which included spraying, fuel, garage rents with £470 in running costs just to tick over. Having just heard of opportunities with Durham Area Youth, it was agreed there was also an opportunity here for young people to help with a BCG project. This year they have colonies of hives to look after, have plans to maintain footpaths, plant wildflowers, plant the Xmas Trees, do additional planting and would like to add more hedges on Lumley Burn.

The councillors agreed unanimously to support BCG and agreed that a £500 donation should be provided to the group in April each year. However as a Year had been missed, due to covid - it was agreed a donation of £1000 was relevant to cover 2021 and 2022.

A replacement seat for Houghton Gate was also discussed, Ken had looked and there was one for around £365 on a website. The plaque would need transferred and seat may also need concrete and brackets to be fastened onto.

The councillors agreed unanimously that a new seat should be purchased.

**Action : G Oliver to liase with Cllr Holland and Ken Clark to agree seat and arrange purchase**

6. **Public participation:**  
No additional members were present.
7. **Approve & sign the minutes of the last meeting (Wed 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022)**  
Minutes were proposed as accurate by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Nelsey and agreed unanimously and were signed off by Cllr Robinson.
8. **Any business remaining from previous meetings**  
Cllr Willoughby provided an update on the CCTV position and has received an estimate to put CCTV on the Church Hall for approx. £2950 which included the hard drive and a 30 day memory. CCTV on street lights had been advised as a non starter. The council agreed they would like to pursue obtaining CCTV for the Church Hall and it was proposed by Cllr Willoughby that BPC fund the outlay, seconded by Cllr Holland and agreed unanimously by all.  
  
**Action: Cllr Tait to take the proposal to the Church for agreement, acknowledging BPC would fund the cost of installing the CCTV,**
9. **'Clean & Green'**
  - a. Seat for Houghton Gate - covered under BCG section.
10. **'Secure & Safe'**
  - a. Police Report -Cllr Holland updated that PC Mark Ferry would be moving onto a new role. PCSO Janelle Taylor had advised there had been 3 ASBs in the Marigold Crescent area and patrols would continue.
11. **'Healthy & Well'**
  - a. Collaboration between BPC, cricket/tennis club and church - Cllr David Robinson and Cllr Mark Willoughby advised they would be bringing an update to the next meeting.
12. **'Involved & Connected'**
  - a. Website -Cllr Nelsey advised the website was being updated with new councillor Bios, there was now photos of the Steam Fayre on.
  - b. Facebook -Gillian Oliver provided an update on recent activity for this social media channel and would publicise the NE First Credit Union offer as advised by Cllr Tait.
  - c. Village Walk -Cllr Armstrong advised he remained keen to conduct this walk with a few members of BPC.

**Action : Cllr Armstrong to circulate some dates as options and check availability**

13. **Financial Matters:**  
The following were approved for payment:-  
Room Hire - £40  
Clerk - £551.66  
BCG - £1000
14. **Planning Applications:** None for discussion
15. **Correspondence:**  
None for discussion.
16. **County Councillors Report:**  
Cllr Alan Bell & Cllr Phil Heaviside updated on road closures.
17. **Items for future meetings / agenda items**  
Cllr Batt would like to bring to next meeting a proposal for a community event.  
Cllr Robinson also advised that Bonfire Night should be discussed as an agenda item for the next meeting.
18. **Next Meeting**  
To confirm the date, time & venue for the next meeting - Wed 21<sup>st</sup> September  
@ 7pm in the Church Hall