

# BOURN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2011



## **Planning**

The Parish Council is notified of planning applications that are in or affect Bourn and in the Chairman's report of May 2011 a few significant proposals for development in the village were mentioned. For a fully copy of the Chairman's annual report please visit the village website <http://www.bourn.org.uk/parish.htm>

Please note that the Parish Council does not decide if applications are approved but it is consulted and its comments and recommendations to the District Council (SCDC) have to be in line with planning guidance.

Since May the Parish Council has considered thirteen planning applications, including applications for extensions, outbuildings, temporary buildings and changes of use. More recently the Parish Council has considered the application for the new secondary school at Cambourne.

There is now planning permission granted for 2 additional houses on The Broadway development. The Parish Council considered allowing these 2 further dwellings in exchange for some land on the site which could be used as a play area for all the children in that area would be a worthwhile thing to do so it supported the application on that basis.

However, the search is on going for another site in the village, closer to the amenities that would be suitable for affordable housing which the Parish Council recognises is necessary in Bourn.

Following the public meeting held regarding the proposed bus link between Cambourne and The Broadway in August 2010, the proposal was withdrawn, but the Parish Council has recently heard that Cambourne Parish Council is now hoping to introduce this. Bourn Parish Council has asked SCDC to ensure that it is included in any pre-planning discussions and it is trying to arrange a meeting with Cambourne Parish Council. Residents who want to be kept informed are invited to attend Council meetings or contact the Clerk or Chairman.

A planning application was recently submitted by the new owners of 103 Caxton End (also sometimes known as 107) for a dwelling on the site. The Parish Council has recommended to SCDC that the application be refused on the ground that it believes the property has been abandoned and the site is therefore subject to the restrictions on new building in the countryside.

## **Vacancies on the Parish Council**

The Parish Council was very sorry to receive the resignation as a member of Mrs Julie Maclean, for personal reasons, and wishes to thank her and express its appreciation for all her hard work and contribution she has made during her time on the Parish Council. There are now two vacancies on the Council, and residents are encouraged to consider whether they might be interested in taking on this role. This is as your opportunity to join the Council and help shape the village. The Parish Council is not political, it leaves that to higher authorities, but your Parish Council can make a difference. Talk to the Chairman, any of the other councillors or the Clerk if you would like to know more.

## **Audit**

The Auditor's report stated that "On the basis of our review, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met".

## **Donations and grants**

Each year the Parish Council is able to support village groups and clubs which in the opinion of the Council is in the interests of the area and its inhabitants.

If your Group, Club or Society would like to be considered for a grant please write to the Clerk explaining why the grant is required and how much you are asking for and enclosing a copy of your accounts by 31<sup>st</sup> December. Grant applicants will be informed by April or May 2011 if they have been successful.

## **Bourn Youth Project Play Equipment**

The Parish Council extends its grateful thanks to the Bourn Youth Project for all their hard work and efforts designing, planning and fundraising for the new play equipment on the Jubilee Playing Fields.

## **Twinning**

Bourn has been invited to twin with a village named St Papoul in the South of France. A meeting was held on 2 November to ascertain interest in this opportunity. For further information please contact Shania Galvin.

## **SCDC - Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment - Publication of List of Sites**

The sites to be registered and assessed are available to view on the District Council's website: [www.scambs.gov.uk/ldf/shlaa](http://www.scambs.gov.uk/ldf/shlaa), either as a list or using an interactive map.

## **Consultation on review to remove all subsidised bus service funding**

Cambridgeshire County Council wants to hear your views on changes and reductions being proposed to bus services which are supported by financial contributions from Council funds. A questionnaire is available on the following link: [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/busreview](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/busreview)

### **DANCE CLASSES FOR THE OVER 50S**

Bourn Village Hall, Thursday Evenings 7.30 – 9 pm.

November 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>,

January 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>

Thanks to a grant from Living Sport, a subsidised course of dance classes for over 50s is offered, including waltz, salsa and jive.

Introductory rate £2 per session. You don't need to bring a partner

Please register your interest with Gill Pountain,

13 Church Street, Bourn, CB23 2SJ

01954 719266 [Pountain.holes@talk21.com](mailto:Pountain.holes@talk21.com)

## **Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service Community Champion Scheme**

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) is launching a pilot scheme in South Cambridgeshire to encourage residents to carry out safety checks on their homes. CFRS is looking for volunteers to become 'Community Champions' who will be trained to speak to local community groups about home fire safety and escape plans, and to attend community events. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact: Lynda Bubb, 01353 865037. You can also find further information online at: [www.cambsfire.gov.uk](http://www.cambsfire.gov.uk)

## **Parish Council Contacts**

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All members belong to a working group or have an area of responsibility. For more information please see the village website.

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**The next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 19 January 2012 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.** All parishioners are invited to attend the meeting and the first ten minutes or so are open to residents to ask questions or make comments and observations on Bourn matters or on items on the agenda. If the matter is on the agenda or has already been under discussion a response may be given at the meeting otherwise the matter will be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting.

The Parish Council's agenda and minutes are available at [www.bourn.org.uk](http://www.bourn.org.uk)