

Bourn Parish Council Newsletter

June 2017

Welcome to our June newsletter. In this issue we have information and updates including:

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The Chairman and Council would like to extend a warm welcome to our new parish councillors, John Atherton, Tara Watts and Alison Bourne. Contact information for John, Tara and Alison is provided at the end of the newsletter.

Chairman's report to the Annual Parish Meeting 3 May 2017

Councillors

I would like to thank all the current Councillors on Bourn Parish Council for all their hard work over the last year and welcome the two* new councillors.

Broadway Play Area

In September last year, we finally managed to get the extensive work on Broadway play area carried out to make it suitable as a play area. The first cut of the grass should be taking place soon although it will still be a few months before it has matured enough to be used as a play area.

Highways

The Parish Council in conjunction with Cambridgeshire County Council Highways has now set up a 20 mph zone in Hall Close, Church Street and Riddy Lane. Speed limit signs and repeaters have been installed and roundels painted on the road. This should produce a safer environment for pedestrians and especially children on the narrow roads around the area. We have also implemented double yellow lines around the corners of the crossroads in Hall Close to ensure that the school bus can turn down the road towards the school.

Play Equipment

Frank Haxton and his team of volunteers have been continuing to carry out weekly checks on the various play equipment and make repairs as required.

We are now starting development of the Broadway Play Area after setting aside appropriate funds in our annual budget.

Chairman's report to the Annual Parish Meeting 3 May 2017/Continued

We would like to thank Suzanne Armitage and Jan Burrell and the other members of the Bourn Youth Project for their fundraising which contributes towards the maintenance of the play equipment.

Opposition to Bourn Airfield and City Deal

The Parish Council opposes the housing development of Bourn Airfield and also the City Deal and its construction of a bus link from Cambridge to Cambourne. To voice the concerns of this, Steve Jones and Des O'Brien have continued in their convening roles on the Coalition of Parish Councils, currently standing at 23 parish councils along the A428 corridor. Steve Jones and Des O'Brien represented Bourn Parish Council at the Examinations in Public; a hearing to determine the soundness of the proposed SCDC Local Plan.

Other Ongoing Schemes

Les Rolfe has been overseeing the Parish Council adopting the two telephone boxes in the village; one in Hall Close and one along Broadway. We plan to convert these to defibrillator storage safes to provide access to defibrillators in the village.

To tackle the issue of building projects causing disruption and damage to the areas near to the building sites, we have produced a letter outlining our Considerate Building requirements to hand to residents when they undertake reasonable sized building works.

Finance

The parish precept for this year was set at £31199. This is the approximately the same as last year.

The beneficiaries of the S137 donations this year were — Merrybourn Club, Tuesday Morning Club and the Bourn Scouts.

Volunteers

BPC remains very grateful for the services of volunteers who assist us with our duties and give us helpful advice in their areas of expertise:

Tree Warden	Hilary Gretton
Playground Inspections	Frank Haxton
Bourn Brook	Nigel Ball
Public Rights of Way	Angela Marchant, Graham Bruce

Neil Blair - Chairman

* Alison Bourne joined the PC after this meeting

Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the **third Wednesday of each month** (except August and December) **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 may be tabled for fuller discussion at the next or a future meeting. If you want to raise a matter with the Council please write to or email the Parish Clerk.

Items for the Parish Council's consideration must be sent to the Parish Clerk seven clear days before the meeting.

Annual Report from Bourn Sports Club

Bourn Sports Club's remit is to deliver social and competitive sporting activities suitable for adults, children and families who live in Bourn village. Membership gives access to the tennis courts and invitation to a whole range of sporting and coaching activities, some free and some for which a charge is made. The club also runs some events such as the annual sports day and the Boxing Day football match that are open to everyone in the village.

At the time of writing 32 families, 12 juniors, 15 adults and 4 seniors are members.

In 2017, the club will provide the following:

- Cricket: coaching for ages between 4 and 13, delivered in partnership with Cambourne Cricket Club; maintenance of cricket net and artificial wicket; annual adult and young person team match versus Longstowe.
- Tennis: coaching for ages between 5 and 14; adult coaching; adult mixed doubles competition. Provision of high quality tennis courts.
- Football: adult and young adult football on Thursday evenings aided by new floodlighting fitted in 2016; maintenance of goal posts; organisation of the Boxing Day football match.
- Annual sports day: a popular annual event for the whole village consisting of traditional fun and competitive events.

The club is budgeting for significant expenditure within the next 3-5 years for an overhaul of the tennis courts.

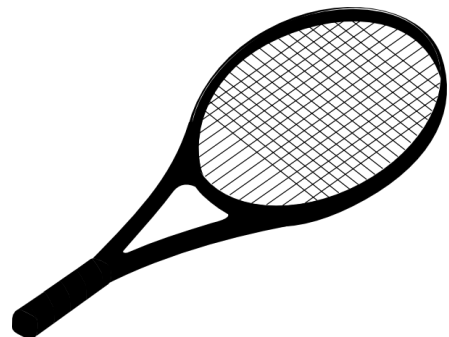
As Chair of the club, I'd like to acknowledge the contribution that the Sports Club's committee members make to the club and the life of the village. None of the sport mentioned above would be possible without their invaluable contributions.

Yours sincerely

Giles Nelson
Chair, Bourn Sports Club

Bourn Sports - Forthcoming Events 2017

- Sports Day – 15th July
- Mixed Doubles final – 15th July
- Bourn v Longstowe cricket match – 16th July
- Chariots of Fire – 17th September
- Bourn To Run – 24th September



See the Sports Club section of the village website for details - www.bourn.org.uk



Bourn To Run and Road Closures

This year's Bourn to Run 3k and 10k race will take place on 24th September. See the website <http://bourntorun.com/> for further details and to register for a place or to help out on the day.

Caxton End and part of Alms Hill will be closed from 10m to midday on 24th September while the race is in progress.

Funding - we'd like your views please!

The PC has a sum of money available to fund a large or series of smaller projects/initiatives that would be of benefit to the village. We'd like your views - please complete our very short survey via the www.bourn.org.uk website or <http://bit.ly/2u377Lw>

South Cambridgeshire District Council - Parish Updates

Community Chest – more funds available

The Community Chest grant fund re-opened on 1 April with £55,000 available to help voluntary and community groups, charities and parish councils wishing to improve the quality of life for residents in South Cambridgeshire. Applicants can apply for up to £1,000 per project, up to a maximum of £3,000 per parish in the financial year.

Full details, guidance on eligibility and application form can be found at www.scambs.gov.uk/communitychest.

Contact: Elizabeth Davy on elizabeth.davy@scambs.gov.uk or 01954 713111

Greater Cambridge City Deal – A10 cycleway

A shared-use foot and cycleway, the first Greater Cambridge City Deal project to be completed on the ground, was opened on Wednesday 15 March. The new path improves links between Melbourn, Shepreth and Foxton. For more information on potential future improvements to links between Cambridge and Royston visit: www.gccitydeal.co.uk/A10-cycleway.

Contact: Stuart Rushby on city.deal@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Greater Cambridge City Deal – Greenways and rural transport hubs

On Wednesday 8 March the City Deal Executive Board approved nearly half a million pounds to develop proposals for 12 cycling 'greenways' in Cambridge City and South Cambridgeshire over the next two years. Greenways are quiet and safer cycling routes. £100k funding was also committed to study the potential of developing rural travel hubs in South Cambridgeshire over the next year. Information from the Board meeting is available at:

<http://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/ielssueDetails.aspx?IId=55011&PlanId=0&Opt=3#A168791>

Contact: Simon Manville on city.deal@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

South Cambridgeshire District Council - Parish Updates/Contd.

Greater Cambridge City Deal – A428

Plans have been announced to broaden the search area for the new Park & Ride site west of Cambridge. Mott MacDonald have been contracted to evaluate areas for a new site, including areas around Scotland Farm and Madingley Mulch as well as others. The contractors will also evaluate the Local Liaison Forum's proposals for an on-road busway. This information will be presented to the Executive Board later in the year. For scheme details, visit: www.gccitydeal.co.uk/cambourne-to-cambridge

Contact: Ashley Heller on city.deal@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Police parking enforcement in South Cambridgeshire

Cambridgeshire Constabulary have set up a new online parking reporting system. The information that local people send through will be used to identify parking hot spots, with occasional crack-down days run with targeted patrols of volunteer Special Constables and local Police Community Support Officers. Chief Inspector James Sutherland, area commander for South Cambridgeshire, has written a blog post about parking issues and the new reporting system at: <https://southcambscops.org/2017/02/17/parking-a-new-approach-parking-its-a/> **Contact:** To log a parking problem visit <http://tinyurl.com/SouthCambs-Parking>

Crime and Policing

In response to parishioners' concerns about levels of crime in the village, the parish council is seeking to arrange a village hall briefing from our local police service. This will include advice on home and car security, and local crime trends. Please do look out for notices around the village and the website for further details.

In the meantime you may be interested in signing up to e-cops email notifications of crimes reported in the area - <https://www.cambs.police.uk/ecops/>

If you would like further information about local report crime and trends, see

https://www.police.uk/cambridgeshire/SCambs_Cambourne/crime

This site uses a map to pin point local crime locations. Zooming in further gives you the crime type and some additional investigation/progress details.



Bourn Airfield Development Update

Councillor Steve Jones has been instrumental in establishing the **Coalition of Parish Councils** to create united and strong opposition to the development of Bourn Airfield. The Coalition currently comprises 23 parish councils representing over 25,000 local people. All the villages are located in the A428 corridor to the west of Cambridge in South Cambridgeshire. These parish councils are Arrington, Barton*, Bourn, Boxworth, Caldecote, Cambourne, Caxton, Comberton, Conington, Coton*, Croxton, Dry Drayton, Elsworth, Eltisley, Eversdens, Grantchester*, Hardwick, Kingston, Knapwell, Longstowe, Madingley, Toft and Wimpole.

The most recent Hearings regarding the inclusion of Bourn Airfield in the Local Plan was held on 4th April. Councillor Steve Jones, joined by a number of objectors from the village as well as Parish and District Councillor, Des O'Brien, were able to voice our very real concerns in person to the inspector, Laura Graham. We raised all of the issues that we have been concerned about from the outset - including transport, homes being built too far from jobs and the creation of a sprawl of ribbon development along the A428.

There were a number of modifications made to the Policy SS/6 Bourn Airfield in November 2016 - including access to the Broadway and the inclusion of additional parcels of land nearer Highfields Caldecote. The inspector still has to determine if these modifications are needed to make the plan sound. If they are needed then there is a very real possibility that there will be further consultations on the modifications as these weren't covered at the Examination In Public.

For further information on the Coalition of Parish Councils see www.cpc-southcamb.org.uk For further information on StopBAD see www.stopbad.org.uk

[* indicates associate members]

Historic Bourn - Do you have any photographs to share?

Councillor Les Rolfe is continuing to develop a fascinating collection of old photographs of the village, and village people and events, including the one below.

If you have any photographs you are willing to share please get in touch with Cllr Rolfe (les.rolfe@hotmail.co.uk) and he will scan them before returning them to you. Thank you!



Considerate Building Works

Over the last year there has been a lot of building work throughout the village. Unfortunately some of this work has caused disruption and inconvenience to other residents and road users.

In response to residents' concerns, the parish council is introducing advice and guidance for those about to embark on building work to ensure that neighbours, other residents and visitors are not unduly inconvenienced or aggravated, and that the attractive appearance of the village is maintained.

If you are about to start building work on your property, we would ask you to ensure that your building contractor(s):

- Park considerately and in a manner which does not obstruct other pedestrians or road users or damage grass verges, driveways, kerbs, road surfaces, road signs or shrubs/trees.
- Park safely and not in locations likely to cause risk of accident or injury to other pedestrians or road users.
- Do not leave debris or other unwanted materials on the road or pavement.
- Carry out their work and vehicle movements during reasonable hours without causing disruption or aggravation to residents through noise or other disturbance.
- Behave considerately and courteously to neighbours and visitors to the village.



Bourn Website

Did you know that Bourn Parish Council has its own website? Last year it received over 5,000 hits so it is a popular reference site for people looking for activities, services and events in the village. If you are seeking to advertise a community event, service or activity such as a charity fun run, fete or sports day, get in touch with Cllr Rolfe (les.rolfe@hotmail.co.uk) and he will add your information to the website.

www.bourn.org.uk

