

BOURN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Bourn Parish Council Wednesday 17 February 2021, 7:30pm online via Zoom

Present: Councillors: Mr D O'Brien (Chairperson) Mr L Rolfe Mr N Stutchbury Ms S JaggersMr S JonesMs S MartinMs H HeginbothamMr B JaquesMrs M Hutton (Clerk)

Also in attendance: 2 members of public

Comments and observations from members of the public – 2 members of the public (footpath co-Ordinator's) to discuss footpath and kissing gate repairs/maintenance-see point 9.3.

Reports from County and District Councillors-these were circulated prior to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence - none

- **1. Declarations of pecuniary interest, dispensations held or requested -** None declared.
- 2. Approval of minutes of last meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting on 20 January 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairperson. (Proposed DOB, 2nd LR, unanimous)

4. Matters arising from last meeting/previous meeting.

- 4.1 (4.3, 4.4,4.13, 6.15) Refurbishment and additional Dog faeces bins (BJ)-email sent to SCDC, Clerk to chase, no response received despite 3 attempts, black bins can be used for dog faeces, DC Hawkins to take matter further after map of bin locations sent by BJ, BJ looked onto costings (see appendices)- ClIrs agreed this was a good idea if SCDC approve the sites and will not charge for emptying them = ACTION Clerk to contact SCDC once map of sits sent over by ClIr BJ. SCDC have responded with a total cost of £1348 for 4 bins plus £9 weekly charge for emptying them except for the 1 roadside bin which is not charged for emptying. ACTION= Clerk to check if weekly charge would be free is bins are roadside and we purchase the bins ourselves from another supplier which are cheaper
- 4.2 (4.5, 4.8,9.1) Cllrs DOB & LR took measurements, Highways have confirmed that dragons' teeth are acceptable after the 30mph sign although a red strip would be needed. Proposal= leave 30mph sign and insert dragons' teeth inside sign up to new gate (cost of gate £600/£700), Highways to confirm cost of dragon's teeth. Cllr LR has applied for dragons' teeth but has not been considered yet, so cost is unavailable now. ACTION=Cllr LR will chase as gates to be fitted at same time by CC highways/ CC to come back to us
- **4.3** (4.6, 4.9, 9.2) LHI Application ClIr DOB discussed platforms (road bumps (cushions)) and it was agreed they should be installed on Alms Hill just before the Indian restaurant. ClIr DOB meeting with J Toombs on 8th Feb decision due in March. ClIr DOB attended the Local Highways Initiative Funding Panel (LHI) where the suggestion came from J Toombs (Local Highways Officer) to install the cushions (road bumps) on Alms Hill as the speed of vehicles naturally increased due to the fall of the road. There was one member of the panel who was completely obsessed that it might be a mistake and we might have to take them out and this would cost a lot of money. This was a proposal from the highways officer, and we were in good faith asking for them to be put in because we think it is a solution. **ClIr DOB will keep us informed and they will let us know sometime end of March whether we have been successful.**

- 4.4 (9.5) Pollution, Luton Airport change of flight stacking (HH) Cllr DOB suggested a consultation link on Bourn PC website, Cllr SJO to investigate further and report back. Cllr DOB informed the PC that the deadline had been missed as the consultation opened las October and closed 5th February but there have been a lot of comments raised on the consultation website. Cllr DOB will inform PC of any developments.
- 4.5 (9.7) Fence repairs (BJ) Cllr BJ & F Haxton have agreed the fencing specification and to remove the goalposts (proposed DOB, 2nd LR) ACTION = Clerk to obtain quotes. Cllr DOB informed the PC that he and Frank Haxton had met 63 contractors to quote for the works and that they discussed other maintenance issues at the same time. The clerk informed the PC that only 2 quotes had been received so far with the third expected imminently. ACTION = quotes to be discussed and agreed at March meeting

5.Finance, procedure & risk assessment including considering any urgent work required due to health & safety or risk. 5.1– Financial report & payment of invoices –

Date	Description	Supplier	Net	VAT	Total
08/02/2021	Tax & NI for Clerk's salary	HMRC	37.62	0.00	37.62
12/02/2021	Electricity standing charge	Opus Energy	9.69	0.48	10.17
26/02/2021	Clerk's salary	Michele Hutton	659.12	0.00	659.12
08/02/2021	Membership	Cam Valley Forum	10.00	0.00	10.00
29/02/2021	Clerk's mobile phone	02	8.00	1.60	9.60
		Total	724.43	2.08	726.51

The financial report was accepted, and payment of invoices was approved (proposed DOB, 2nd BJ)

5.2- Any matter which is urgent due to H&S and/or use of delegated powers between meetings none.

6. East/West Rail Route (EWR) – Cambridge Approaches, CamBed Rail and Cambourne Parish Council are lobbying for the proposed Cambourne station (currently earmarked for the area around North Caxton) to be sited North of Cambourne adjacent to the A428. Cllrs NS & SJO attended a meeting 11th February with Cambridge Approaches/Cambed RailRoad along with other parishes, subsequent to this meeting Cllr DOB confirmed our support for signing the letter to EWR requesting the northern approach be evaluated equally with "Option E". We agreed that we supported this equal evaluation at our last PC meeting. Cllr SJO informed the PC that the proposals with alignments should be published around Easter time.

7. Bourn Airfield Development (BAD)- The latest alteration to the existing planning application S/3440/18/OL seeks to permit the building of 500 of the 3500 houses before a decision has been reached on when, if ever, an A428 HQPT system in delivered. Bourn Parish Council need to decide how we want to respond to this alteration to the planning application. DOB attending meeting next Monday – Cllr DOB confirmed that there is a planning committee meeting 19th February. Cllr DOB informed the PC that at the planning committee meeting, via zoom, 4 of usual committee had asked for substitutes, this is concerning as substitutes are not as versed. DOB has sent a link to the meeting for all to see. **ACTION=DOB to give a report at March meeting.**

Meeting suspended at 20:30 to allow CC Howell to join and discuss earlier issues. Meeting resumed at 20:45

8. Reports on the progress of ongoing projects/issues

- **8.1.** Cllr NS advised that the new testing notification system was going well with some side effects and has been in talks with Hay & Rice to rectify these issues however it does appear to be working. Links are a slight issue which will need some amendments. ACTION= Cllr NS to confirm implementation at march meeting
- 9. Members requested subjects for discussion.
- 9.1 Rubbish Amnesty (BJ) this item to be discussed at March meeting.
- **9.2** Revival of the Bourn Flood Group and flood risk reduction (DOB)-Cllr DOB informed the PC that the brook is an awarded watercourse and the responsibility of SCDC. Cllr SJA asked if we can establish when and what work SCDC have carried out and if nothing would be entitled to a rebate? Cllr DOB replied that SCDC are going to do an inspection of the brook with Lee Hillim & Pat Matthews sometime in the next 6 weeks and he, Cllr LR & Cllr BJ to meet with them also so that we have more than 1 Councillor with knowledge. **ACTION=Cllr DOB to report back after this meeting with SCDC (April meeting)**
- **9.3** Final decision and action on steps Fp10 (SM)-Frank Haxton to arrange meeting with Rowland to obtain spec for works and to then tender for quotes. A Marcham & G Bruce to draw up a list of footpaths/kissing gates in order of priority for repairs. **ACTION= List of priority works and quotes to be discussed at March meeting**
- **9.4** Dealing with garden refuse tipping by residents onto paths (SM) **Cllr DOB to find out if Peter Gaskin is still** in place and if not, who is and ask them to write to the householders and remind them of their responsibilities to not block the pathway.
- **9.5** Tree felling water lane (SM) Tree is blocking pathway. Unsure of who is responsible for this tree. Cllr **DOB to ask Mark Proud to remove tree.** This was agreed by all.
- 9.6 Carbon Free Zonal heating (BJ) Cllr BJ has investigated this initiative (how to raise the money etc) and will contact Emma Fletcher from Swaffham who initiated this style of heating. ACTION= Cllr BJ to investigate and report back at march meeting with more information and to perhaps invite Emma Fletcher to next meeting
- **9.7** Revival of Bourn Flood Group (DOB) discussed at point 9.2.
- **9.8** Climate Change Working Group Update Cllr DOB stated that there have been 5 volunteers so far but that a liaison from the PC was needed, SM agreed to take on this role. Cllr SM to check CAPALC site for clarification on position of PC as this could raise issues with funding in the future.
- **9.9** Meridian Primary Care Network vaccination volunteers Cllr DOB thanked Cllr BJ for opportunity to support this initiative as Cllr BJ had approached the surgery with an offer of help to support the vaccination programme at Royston Health Centre. Lots of help from the village with stewarding and helping people get in and out of their cars and helping after the vaccine has been given. So far 6500 people have been vaccinated at this centre since they started the programme. Cllrs DOB & LR to update our website. Cllr SJA=I asked for the PC's achievements to be put back on agenda. (Proposed DOB & 2nd SJA unanimous)

10. Correspondence/communications received -

- 10.1 Bourn Windmill Restoration Group grant application Bourn Windmill need £80,000 with unanimous agreement to help but unable to grant this amount. A proposal of £1,000 was discussed but until we have all the paperwork required from the Restoration Group, the PC could not grant. There was a discussion of how to award this grant and under what conditions as there is an upper limit in place. ACTION = Cllr LR to liaise with them. Clerk to send contact info to LR. LR to report back at March meeting,
- 10.2 Stop car engines idling outside Post Office Cllr DOB reported that it is against the law, how policing it is an issue. We could erect a sign outside P.O. to say it is illegal. Cllr HH asked if yellow lines were a possibility and Cllr BJ advised that double yellow lines were asked for some years ago but was turned down the parked cars slows down the cars passing. It is a 20mph area. The PC could ask JJ to put up a sign. ACTION = BJ= to monitor the situation and report back at March meeting
- 11. Planning & tree work applications and any related matter
- 11.1 Planning applications

- 11.1.1 20/04907/FUL, Knapwell Water Reservoir St Neots Road Knapwell, Demolition of existing redundant drinking water reservoir and erection of new drinking water reservoir and associated infrastructure and works (including temporary works compound) no comment.
- **11.1.2** 21/00196/HFUL, 1 Baldwins Close Bourn Cambridge, Rear dormer, ridge height raised and front extension. no comment
- **11.1.3** 20/03024/FUL, Land and Buildings at Fairways, toft Road, Bourn, CB23 2TT. Change of use from B8 Storage and Distribution Barns into short term visitor accommodation (sui generis)-no comment
- **11.2** Tree works applications none received.
- **11.3** SCDC planning decisions and appeal notices to note none received. (all applications=proposed LR, 2nd SM)

12. Member's reports and any items which need consideration.

It is requested that any reports should be put in writing and circulated prior to the meeting for consideration. Reference will be made to any which require a decision –

Cllr LR attended the AGM of the Allotment Assoc and they have a new chairman, Gill Pountain. They have set up a standing order to pay £1 rent each year.

Cllr BJ informed the PC that ability to hold these meetings remotely ends on 7th May, and we need to start considering where we were going to hold them because the village hall is not open because of COVID-19 restrictions. The clerk informed the PC that CAPALC are looking into this issue and are asking Government to suspend face to face meetings until later in the year. Clerk will keep PC updated with any information received from CAPALC. **ACTION = Clerk to add to March agenda**

Cllr HH would like to contact the Chapmans to ask whether around their field and surrounding areas could be planted with hedgerows and trees together with the landowner of the no-man's land that runs behind between the horse field and the new houses on the Broadway. Cllr SJA informed the PC that we have been awarded another 260 trees. We could continue to make applications for more trees, (680 granted so far from Woodland Trust) **HH to make an approach to the landowner**. The landowner would be responsible for the trees/hedgerows once planted but we could arrange a group of volunteers to help with the planting. SJA&HH could make an application in consult with Landowner. Cllr SJA informed PC that when we make an application, we must give a grid reference and show that it is by a footpath or public have access to them. **SJA to sound out woodland trust once approval from landowner has been received.**

13. Closure of meeting @ 9:50pm

Approved D O'Brien

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Chairperson

Date 17/03/2021

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