



Bourn Parish Council

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MINUTES

21st September 2022

A meeting of Bourn Parish Council was held on 21st September 2022 at 19:30pm at The Village Hall, Short Street, Bourn, CB23 2SG

Present: Cllr D O'Brien (chairman), Cllr L Rolfe, Cllr S Jagers, Cllr B Jaques, Cllr G Smith, District Councillor T Hawkins, and three members of the public.

Also present by video link due to illness, Cllr S Jones and Cllr N Stutchbury.

The parish clerk, Emily Pacey, was on maternity leave, Cllr Rolfe acted as minutes secretary.

01/09/2022 Public Participation.

- Alistair Emerson, on behalf of some Caxton End residents, asked about the imposition of the 20mph speed limit along the length of the road without prior consultation. He pointed out that a precedent had been set when a limited number of residents had been surveyed about the change to street-lighting along the same road and asked the parish council to support a similar survey about the speed limit.
- Resident Ben Strutt and Noushin Rostami, Chair of Little Gransden Parish Council, spoke about the increase in aircraft noise since Luton Airport's stacking system and flight paths had been changed. There had been a well-attended meeting at Little Gransden in July, noise-monitoring equipment was being used to verify the problems, and other parishes in the area were being invited to align with them to consolidate the complaints while the post-implementation period was still in force. It was considered that the original consultation by Luton Airport was flawed as they had not approached South Cambridgeshire District Council.

02/09/2022 Reports from District & County Councillors.

- The district councillor's monthly report had already been circulated to all councillors. Cllr Hawkins spoke about the Luton Airport problem but explained that the sudden announcement by Stagecoach of the withdrawal of, and alterations to, many bus routes across the district was the biggest concern. Not only was Service 18, which runs through Bourn, between Cambridge and Cambourne being stopped completely but Service Citi4 would be re-routed along the A428 and no longer stop on the old St Neots Road at the top of Broadway, leaving residents no access to transport services. The mayor of the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority is intending to put many of the routes out to tender from other companies.
- Cllr Howell was not present.

03/09/2022 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Cllr H Heginbotham (work commitments)

04/09/2022 To receive declaration of interest.

Cllr Smith declared an interest in item 9 as a resident of that road.

05/09/2022 To receive and approve minutes of the previous meeting held on 27th July 2022.

All were in favour, and it was **RESOLVED** (proposed DOB, 2nd LR) to approve the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th July 2022.

There were no matters arising.

06/09/2022 To approve accounts for payment.

Payee	Description	Amount £
E Pacey	Payroll September	£926.96
HMRC	Payroll September	£25.43
o2	Clerk mobile - September	£10.49
CAPALC	Councillor Training - Cllr Smith	£75.00
Opus Energy	Electricity bill	£78.30
Buchans	Grass Cutting - Invoice 3058	£779.75
M Bradford	New external light above defib cabinet - vil- lage hall	£215.30
AG Electrical	Wired and installed light for defib cabinet - vil- lage hall	£84.00
	Total	£2,195.23

All were in favour, and it was **RESOLVED** (proposed DOB, 2nd BJ) to approve the schedule of payments for September 2022.

07/09/2022 Financial Officer's Report.

The report and accounts, having been previously forwarded by the Finance Officer were unanimously accepted.

08/09/2022 Luton Airport Flight Path.

Further discussion was held following the earlier requests during the public session. It was suggested that we could facilitate a public meeting on the subject but that there appeared to be very little concern from village residents. Unless there was a considerable increase in interest it was felt that the parish council could not contribute funding although they would support any responses.

It was felt that more involvement from the general public was needed and that, possibly, setting up a group in the fashion of Stop Bourn Airfield Development (StopBAD) would be the best course of action, and that Ben Strutt should be approached to see if he would consider organising it.

09/09/2022 20mph Zone – Caxton End.

Previous surveys held about village life have always brought the subject of speeding and safety throughout the village to the fore with a majority of responders asking for speeds to be controlled. The original proposal from the parish council, via a Local Highways Initiative, was the installation of speed cushions on Alms Hill which was approved by County Council Highways. Before the installation they had surveyed speeds through the village and it was their proposal to install the 20mph zone in common with many other smaller villages throughout the county to which the parish council agreed as, it was felt, that would satisfy the wishes of most residents. It was agreed that Cllr O'Brien would act for the council and engage with the residents of Caxton End who have expressed concern over the decision to introduce a 20-mph speed limit along the whole length of Caxton End. This engagement would extend to reviewing the implementation of the 20mph limit and include a broader discussion on the urbanisation of the village. The outcome of this initial engagement will determine the next step - such as whether to proceed with a resident's survey to establish the opinion of villagers who live on, and use, the road.

10/09/2022 Sports Pavilion update.

The revised lease/agreement with Bourn Sports Club is now in force with a termination date of March 2025. The Working Party on the pavilion will be meeting again to consider the next steps. The results, so far, of the pavilion use survey were considered and it was disappointing to find that almost half of those responding were not aware of the availability of the pavilion for the use of villagers. However, many residents showed an interest in the suggested activities and also added many of their own for consideration.

11/09/2022 Local Highways Initiative 2023/2024.

No date has yet been announced for submission of applications. Meanwhile suggestions and ideas are welcome from councillors and residents.

12/09/2022 Planning Applications and Tree Works update.

- **22/0834/TTCA – 7 Baldwins Close** – A large cherry tree. Crown reduction of 2.5m, removal of dead rose and dead wood throughout tree.
- **22/03230/HFUL – 13 Gills Hill** – Demolition of an existing rear extension and erection of part two-storey and part single-storey rear and single-storey front extensions.
- **22/0947/TTCA – St Helena and St Mary's Church** – T1: Oriental Thuja – remove to ground level.
- **22/03568/FUL – 23 High Street** – Change of use from hairdressers to a habitable dwelling, with associated alterations.
- **22/03490/FUL – Homecroft, The Drift** – To demolish existing dwelling and replace with larger bungalow and garden room.

No comments/problems with the tree works. The parish council supports the other three applications but the last, Homecroft, is reminded that it is within the Conservation Area. Proposed DOB, 2nd GS.

13/09/2022 Grant Application – Cambridgeshire Search and Rescue.

Carried forward to October to allow time to find out more about their area coverage.

14/09/2022 Footpaths Works Update.

The report from Graham Bruce had been circulated for information. There is work due on the installation of a new kissing gate on one footpath.

15/09/2022 Playground Area Works Update.

Some of the required work had now been completed whilst we are still awaiting some quotes for other work.

16/09/2022 Councillor Roles and Responsibilities.

With the inclusion of one new councillor and the imminent loss of Cllr Jones who is moving out of the village, this has been revised and will be circulated to councillors for information and comments.

17/09/2022 Correspondence & Communications.

None received.

18/09/2022 Items for next agenda.

Various regular items carried forward from this month, and to include Stagecoach bus routes, EWR latest news, Grant funding for pavilion upgrading, 20mph survey, and Luton Airport flight paths.

19/09/2022 Bourn PC achievements.

None this month.

Closure of meeting – 21:30

Proposed date for next Parish Council meeting – 19th October 2022.