



MINUTES OF BOURNMOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 24th July 2023

1. Village Walk 6.15pm

The Village Walk was attended by Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Holland, Cllr Batt and G Oliver, with a focus on the Flowers Estate. Overall the area was felt to be in a good state with just odd areas to report - a fence behind Lilac Avenue, some rubbish on the field, and the hedge had been cut back at Rose Crescent but could do with further cutting in Autumn.

Present for Meeting: Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Holland, Cllr Batt, Cllr Willoughby, G Oliver

Guest: Cllr Bell (DCC)

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Tait, Cllr Robinson and guest Cllr Heaviside (DCC)

3. Declarations of interest:

No declarations of interest were noted.

4. Chair's announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

5. Guest : Durham Area Youth (DAY) - unfortunately a representative did not attend so the funding requirements for the next 12 months were unable to be discussed.

Action : G Oliver to seek attendance from DAY for September meeting.

6. Public participation:

There were no members of the public present.

7. Approve & sign the minutes of the last meeting (Mon 26th June 2023)

The minutes of the meeting on the 26th June were proposed as accurate from Cllr Holland, seconded by Cllr Batt and agreed by all present.

8. Any business remaining from previous meetings

G Oliver advised that Bournmoor Cricket Club had been contacted about the car parking situation in Church Hall which should be left vacant for their visitors and surrounding areas, and they had issued a reminder out to all teams as a reminder.

G Oliver had been in touch with DCC about the Bridge, and they will send out one of their contractors to review and advise on next steps.

Cllr Batt advised that Alan Forster may be able to help with an electric point for the Church Hall and would be happy to provide a quote and could bring to the next meeting. G Oliver will also check with Leamside nursery to see if they do 14 foot trees.

9. County Councillors Report:

Cllr Bell updated on the following areas:-

The gate is going back up on the alleyway at Orchid Square, a site meeting with residents will be held.

A resident from Ellesmere had asked Cllr Bell about traffic calming measures around their estate, but that will not get progressed at this stage.

The school path will be repaired by DCC during the 6 weeks holiday.

New legislation is in place now for Open Spaces, which means dogs must be kept on a lead in areas such as the Church yard.

A new basket chair will be going into the play area at Bournmoor park.

Cllr Bell had met with the lady owner of the triangle field and a planner, looking at options for the field but was advised that the field was green belt and a review was not due until 2025.

10. 'Secure & Safe'

- a. Police Report - Cllr Holland advised that Northumbria Police had done some work and promotions on off road bikes. Cllr Holland also advised there would be some further changes to policing in this area as Sgt Clegg was moving on as well as the Chief Constable.

11. 'Clean & Green' - no agenda items

12. 'Health & Well' - no agenda items

13. 'Involved & Connected'

- a. Village Walk - Cllr Armstrong, advised that weather permitting, there would be a further village walk around Bournmoor from 6.15pm, for 30 minutes before the next meeting. Meeting point will again be the Church Hall.
- b. Youth Club Provision - no further update due to non attendance.
- c. Scarecrow Trail Plans - Cllr Batt updated on progress for the Scarecrow Trail, with flyers and banners ordered and scarecrow making well underway. There will also be a competition voted by the public for the best dressed scarecrow at the event. Bournmoor Parish Council agreed to help with any additional funding needed and would pay for the flyers. Cllr Batt will advise the Parish in due course.
- d. Village signage - G Oliver advised that she was awaiting an update from DCC. Cllr Bell offered to help escalate if needed.

14. Financial Matters:

- a. The following payments were approved for payment:-

Room Hire Church Hall - £40
 DAY Room Hire - £360
 Toddler Group Room Hire - £360
 Cllr Batt £68.14 - scarecrow flyers
 Clerk July - £301.20
 Clerk August - £301.20

15. Planning Applications: None to discuss

16. Correspondence:

Correspondence received about tracing a grave had been sent onto Cllr Willoughby.'

Correspondence had also been received from a resident around the state of some properties - which are still being considered under a repair option, rather than pull down.

17. Items for future meetings / agenda items

Cllr Armstrong asked that policies be added to the next agenda, alongside Xmas Tree and Scarecrow trail review.

18. Next Meeting

To confirm the date, time & venue for the next meeting - Mon 25th September 23 @ 7pm in the Church Hall