



MINUTES OF BOURNMOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 17th March

Present: Cllr Morrell, Cllr Willoughby, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Tait, Cllr Batt, Cllr Robinson, G Oliver (clerk)

Lambton Rowing Club Guests: Steven Thompson, Matthew Clough

1. **Apologies for absence :**
Apologies were received from Cllr Wilkinson.
2. **Declarations of interest:**
No declarations of interest were received.
3. **Chair's announcements**
Cllr Morrell welcomed everyone to meeting, particularly Steven and Matthew who were visiting from Lambton Rowing Club.
4. **Guest :** Steven Thompson & Matthew Clough - Lambton Rowing Club. Steven & Matthew provided an update on the Lambton Rowing Club, which was only established 2 years ago but now has around 110 members of all ages including young people on a Great Britain rowing pathway.

The club is free and want to grow membership, with different events across estate such as learn to row sessions and want to build up opportunities for others in local areas. The club survives on membership fees of £20 month & seeking opportunities for funding & they also help their members take part in regattas and other events, although they pay £480 month to access the Lambton castle grounds. Club continues to grow and is now the 3rd biggest junior club in the North East district and are in the process of becoming a charity, whilst they currently run as a non profit organisation.

Steven & Matthew gave some ideas of other costs such as a coaching/training camp can be around £480 per person for 2 days, and to help young people attend these, they do bag packs, having recently raised £800 at Asda and raised £200 through a Xmas party. All money raised goes back into the club to help fund camps, regattas or equipment for use. They club would welcome more members from the Bournmoor and surrounding areas, and will also start

to build links with local primary schools and 1st Burnmoor Scouts as well as the local cricket club and football teams & would be happy to offer and run taster sessions. The council asked them to link in with Durham Area Youth and run a session at the St Barnabas Community Centre. This will also help the rowing club continue to grow.

The council asked Steven and Matthew how the council could help and if there was something specific they were after. They said it would be nice to build up and buy blades and oars for the boats, a set of 4 is around £2k.

The council thanked Steven and Matthew for attending, they also advised anyone would be welcome to pop down at weekends and have a go or view a session and looked forward to putting on taster sessions within the community.

5. Public participation:

No public were in attendance.

6. Approve & sign the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Mon 17th February 2025 were proposed as accurate by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Robinson & agreed by all present.

7. Any business remaining from previous meetings

All items for discussion are within the agenda

8. County Councillors Report:

No report was received.

9. 'Secure & Safe'

- a. Police Report - Cllr Willoughby advised that there had been an increased in use of off road bikes, and one seems to be coming from a Bournmoor address. A reminder was given that they should be reported into police to enable them to action, find and seize.

10. 'Involved & Connected'

- a. Flower Tubs/Planting - G Oliver advised Leamside had been in touch and could do the planters, and will arrange planting of them in May.
- b. St Barnabas Community Centre - Cllr Willoughby advised he had left the church council, but was aware a kids group was now up and running with 3 volunteers.
- c. Griffin Wood - A discussion took place about the state of Griffin Wood. It was advised it would be good to make this a future agenda item, after the elections when DCC could be in attendance. G Oliver will check with Ken

Clark whether any of Griffin Wood was handed over to anyone eg Woodland Trust.

11. Financial Matters:

a. The following payments were approved:-

Burnmoor PCC - £360 (£320 DAY & £40 Room Hire)
Clerk - £316.26

The council also discussed supported Lambton Rowing Club after their representatives left the meeting. Cllr Robinson proposed we funded with Club with a £2k donation for their blades/oars, this was seconded by Cllr Batt & agreed by all

Lambton Rowing Club: £2k

12. Planning Applications: None to discuss

13. Correspondence:

G Oliver updated councillors on the election process, the completion of forms and the timetable for returns due back. G Oliver advised she would hand deliver any nomination forms on Mon 31st March, so if anyone wanted to get them to her in advance of this date, she would take them in for any councillor.

14. Items for future meetings / agenda items

Cllr Batt advised it would be good to get an update from the Church and discuss options for the planting of a more permanent Xmas tree.

15. Private Session in line with local Government (no public allowed) - Items to be discussed following the Exclusion of Public and Press under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960 Sec 1 - part 2.

No items to discuss

16. Next Meeting

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 28th April 2025 @ 7pm in the Church Hall due to the previous week being the Bank Holiday, Easter Monday.