

Parish Council of Bournmoor

**Meeting of Bournmoor Parish Council, in Bournmoor Church Hall,**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.00pm**

1. **Present** - Cllr Tait (Chair), Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Holland, Cllr Robinson, G Oliver (Clerk, minuting),
2. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Nelsey, Cllr Brady, Cllr White, Cllr Bell.
3. **Chairmans Introduction** – Cllr Tait welcomed everyone to the meeting, with all observing social distancing measures. In light of coronavirus, it was agreed unanimously by all present that Cllr Tait should continue as Chair for another year. It was proposed by Cllr Armstrong and seconded by Cllr Holland, that Cllr Robinson, takes on the Vice-Chair role, which was agreed.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – January minutes were approved and signed off by Cllr Tait per pro the Council.
5. **Police report** – Cllr Holland advised he had met with PCSO Janelle Taylor, with recent incidents of crime increasing. There have still been issues with scramble and off-road bikes, and anyone who sees this, is encouraged to continue reporting the issue. Details of crime within our area can be found through this link:-

<https://www.police.uk/durham/CLS6/crime/>

6. **Matters Arising** – Ken Clark had provided an update for the Council on how the £500 is used across Bournmoor Conservation Group (BCG).

It was agreed that G Oliver would use the same auditor for Bournmoor Accounts, alongside Little Lumley. S Launder was thanked for her assistance, in supporting Bournmoor Council through previous accounting periods.

7. **Standards matters** – it was agreed that Cllr Holland would obtain admin details for Facebook and website from Cllr Brady.
8. **Financial matters** – The following accounts were agreed & paid:-
  - G Oliver - £395.92 (wage to be reviewed after 6 months)
  - Bournmoor Church Hall - £34.00

All banking forms for adding signatories have been completed and issued to the Co-Op Bank by G Oliver for their review.

It was agreed that an application for grants available to help with trees, will be considered and requested from Bournmoor Parish Council.

9. **Correspondence** – a query had been made around ownership of land from the Forestry Office of DCC. The Parish believe the land belongs to Durham CC, but on a long lease to Bournmoor Conservation Group. Cllr Armstrong will reply and cc G Oliver into the response.
10. **Village Matters** – With the current situation around Coronavirus, it was agreed that we should encourage residents to ask for help if they need it. Cllr Robinson showed a good form that could be used. G Oliver will look to display this on Facebook.

A note from Cllr Bell around the results of the speeding check held on 16<sup>th</sup> March was discussed, overall showing little concerns. The Parish would welcome more details, such as the time of the checks and length of period covered, as Councillors are still very concerned around speeding in this area. Cllr Bell also advised he had taken a walk around the area, and was not as concerned around the state of the area. The Parish agreed to continue to raise concerns.

It was also discussed around asking residents, what they would like in the area, what concerns to they have? Cllr Robinson and G Oliver agreed over coming period to put out questions, and the responses would be discussed at the Council meeting. Cllr Robinson advised that we are moving into uncertain times – crime is increasing, old and vulnerable people are nervous, we should expect disruption and be more vigilant.

Due to coronavirus, and social distancing measures, it was agreed that the tour of the village would be postponed. Future Council meetings may be held by e-mail or other alternative means, should a lockdown be announced.

**Next Meeting:** 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020. The meeting closed at 20:45.