



MINUTES OF BOURNMOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 15th April 2024

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

1. **Apologies for absence :**
No apologies were received.
2. **Declarations of interest:**
No declarations of interest were received.
3. **Chair's announcements**
Cllr Armstrong welcomed everyone to the meeting.
4. **Public participation:**
There were no public members present.
5. **Approve & sign the minutes of the last meeting (Mon 18th March 2024)**

The minutes from the meeting on the 18th March were proposed as accurate from Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Willoughby and agreed by all present.
6. **Any business remaining from previous meetings**
There are no items, for discussion that do not appear elsewhere on the agenda.
7. **County Councillors Report:**
Cllr Robinson, read out the report received from Cllr Bell, which included:-
 - Lambton Lane path should be completed by next month
 - A date is still awaited from Sunderland CC on work within the tunnel
 - Field in Lambourne has been tidied by Lambton estate
 - They continue to push for work to be done on the path adjacent to Bournmoor cricket club
 - Wardens doing patrols for dog fowling
 - Wardens engaging with garage so fuel not sold for off road bikes
 - Still awaiting a date for demolition of Karbon houses.

The Chair and council noted that DCC remained unable to attend the Parish meeting, which had changed to a better time in the month to accommodate them.

8. **'Secure & Safe'**

- a. Police Report - Cllr Willoughby had spoken with the PCSO and advised there was little to report, except a few cases of ASB and off road bikes.
- b. Bridge - Cllr Batt updated the council on comments she had seen on social media around the bridge and the state of the walkway. Cllr Robinson advised he would go and walk around this area in the following days and report back to the Parish. The Parish discussed that as the parish had agreed funding to support the Conservation Group in the past, with improvements to the bridge, this did not in any way mean that BPC owned the bridge and as has been previously mentioned the bridge was built and funded by DCC, with mails from both LLPC and BPC chairs confirming this position. BPC will continue to pursue action/support from DCC.

9. **'Involved & Connected'**

- a. Village signage - G Oliver advised she was still awaiting confirmation from DCC as to when the signs will be completed and put in place.
- b. Bournmoor Community Hub - Cllr Willoughby advised the garden had been tidied, which had been noted by BPC on arrival to tonight meeting, and this had been done at a cost of £150. The chairs for the Hub have been quoted as £35 each for recovering, or a similar price to buy new, around 60 are needed. Cllr Morell said it would be good to see the full plans for the Hub, what is needed, when, what funding would be needed for and when to enable the Parish to consider what is relevant and what we can help with. It was also noted there are outside funding opportunities that can be explored for community groups. Cllr Tait explained that there is little demand currently for facilities, but they could look at renting the kitchen out. The Hall was noted as a great community venue but people are mostly unaware of it. Cllr Willoughby advised that the sign for advertising the community hub had been ordered.
- c. Scarecrow Trail 2024 - Cllr Batt/Cllr Tait confirmed the date for the event will be the 14/15 September. The banners from last year can be reused but as the scout hall is getting refurbished, we may need to look at the trail starting and finishing at the Parish hall.
- d. Flower bed - G Oliver and Cllr Armstong discussed the flower bed position and that the council had agreed that funding planting and maintenance via DCC for over £3k was not feasible and we had to be prudent of spends especially in the interests of local people. In the interests of looking at alternative options, G Oliver had spoken with Leamside Nursery and if we could provide some photos of the planters in situ, they would provide a cost for planting. Cllr Armstrong will arrange for some photos to be sent to G Oliver, who will forward onto the nursery for an initial quote. It was also

noted with the closure of Bournmoor Conservation Group, no one was aware whether there would be any wild flower beds this year.

- e. Xmas Tree Light switch on, plans and dates - the council discussed possible dates as Fri 29th Nov or Fri 6th Dec. It was agreed Cllr Tait would send an e-mail to police to see if they could coordinated with the Santa in a van event. Discussions around car parking for disabled and food drop offs were discussed alongside whether the switch on could be part of a Xmas festival event with a craft fayre. Cllr Batt would discuss with the Church.

10. Financial Matters:

- a. The following payments were approved for payment:- Clerk £301.20, BPCC Room Hire £40, CDALC Subs £329.61, BPCC Garden Tidy £150. Clear Council Renewal £605.58.
- b. AGAR end of year process - Gillian Oliver confirmed the timescale for the end of year auditing process, with all audit and forms completed are to be returned to Local Councils by end June 24.

11. Planning Applications: None to discuss

12. Correspondence:

There was no further correspondence to review.

13. Items for future meetings / agenda items

It was agreed the St Barnabus Community Centre, Scarecrow Trail and Xmas event would remain on the agenda as standing items.

14. 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) Act1960 Sec 1 - part 2

- a) Vacancy Process - the council discussed plans to progress the councillor vacancies

15. Next Meeting

To confirm the date, time & venue for the next meeting - Mon 20th May 2024 with the AGM starting first @ 6.45pm in the Church Hall