

Parish Council of Bournmoor

Meeting of Bournmoor Parish Council, via Zoom,

Wednesday 15th July 2020 at 7.00pm

1. **Present** – Cllr Tait (Chair), Cllr Robinson, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Holland, G Oliver (Clerk, minuting), Cllr Nelsey,
Guest – Cllr Bell (DCC)
2. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr White
3. **Chairmans Introduction** – Cllr Tait welcomed everyone to the virtual Parish meeting, via zoom and thanked Cllr Robinson for his hosting of the zoom meeting.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – June minutes were approved and signed off by Cllr Tait per pro the Council.
5. **Police report** – Cllr Holland had been in contact with PSCO Christine Taylor on concerns over crime within the area and G Oliver, had also written a letter to the Inspector at Chester Le Street on behalf of the Parish Council over recent concerns. A response was received, welcoming our vigilance and encouragement for the council or residents to keep reporting concerns, when they occur. G Oliver agreed to write to Chester Le Street police on behalf of Bournmoor Parish, to advise of concerns in area.

Details of crime within our area can be found usually through this link (although this is not being updated at present due to covid 19 and staffing priorities):-

<https://www.police.uk/durham/CLS6/crime/>
6. **Matters Arising** – The Perspex for the Bournmoor sign, has been ordered and due any time. G Oliver has also been in touch with the Friendly Bench organisation and is awaiting more information on the costs etc for the Parish to consider.
7. **Standards matters** – Facebook is now fully operational and continues to grow with new followers each week. Facebook will be the main communication tool, whilst the website continues to be updated. Cllr Nelsey has been in touch with Spanglefish about having a new development site, whilst we update the existing one. G Oliver will contact Great Lumley Parish to seek advice on which platform they have developed their website on.

8. Financial matters – The following accounts were agreed & paid:-

- G Oliver - £568.73 (includes reimbursement for Perspex and printer costs)
- Bank Balance - £46, 831.39

G Oliver advised that the accounts for 19-20 were now complete and fully audited. Documents would now require Chairs signature and then Exemption Certificate and paperwork, could be formally submitted in time for deadline at end August. With website in development, the years accounting summary will be published on facebook.

For 19-20, Bournmoor had an income of £13, 478 and an expenditure of £7, 514 leaving an end of year back balance of £36, 147 at 1.4.20.

9. Correspondence –

- 10. Village Matters** The council agreed that this year, Xmas Trees will purchased and put up by Leamside Nursery. Cllr Holland and Ken Clark will review possible sites, to agree any additional trees we may want to purchase.

The Council discussed where benches may be placed around community, as with Covid 19, walkarounds by councillors collectively had been postponed. Cllr Holland advised one may be well placed along from Scout Hall, off road. Cllr Bell advised a bench opposite church was falling apart and would arrange to get replaced. It was also noted that bench by roundabout in Bournmoor may also need replacing. It was agreed we will look to continue looking at locations for benches in September, when hopefully further restrictions may be lifted.

The council further discussed the purchase of speed signs, but at costs of around £10-11k, were not convinced of their effectiveness in the long run for the investment, as drivers get used to any location. The council will see if we can seek feedback from Police or other communities on their effectiveness.

Other areas highlighted include:-

- Looking into CCTV for areas where crime is higher or flytipping is prevalent – Cllr Bell will speak with DCC to see what possibilities we have to be part of County rota. Cllr Holland will speak to Cllr Brady around a possible demonstration from a local CCTV unit.
- New litter bin is on order for turning circle
- Suitable signs for off road biking prohibited being looked into

- How good the wild flowers look and consideration of other areas in community, for suitable other wild flower sites
- More traffic lights for roadworks are due on the A183, precise dates awaited
- Lambton Estate is proving popular for walks on a Sunday and been advertised in local media
- Bournmoor roundabout has loose bricks – will report to get fixed
- Tips are reopen but are very busy – Hett Hills may be a quieter option for residents
- Play area for Bournmoor is now re-open
- Path is due to be resurfaced around Bournmoor Primary School
- Rivers Trust have put new metal gate on by Floaters Mill
- DCC are busy with cutting back of council trees and hedges but aware there are many areas that need doing across communities. Cllr Holland to speak with Ken Clark to see if any options or handymen that could help at this busy time of year.

Next Meeting: It was agreed no meeting would be held in August and therefore the next meeting would be held on 16th September 2020. The meeting closed at 20:21