



MINUTES OF BOURNMOOR PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 20th May 2024, 7.15pm Church Hall.

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

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1. **Apologies for absence :**
Apologies were received from Cllr Willoughby.
2. **Declarations of interest:**
No declarations of interest were received.
3. **Chair's announcements**
The new Chair of the council, Cllr Morrell welcomed all to meeting and thanked the group for voting him into the position.
4. **Public participation:**
The member of the public had no items for discussion.
5. **Approve & sign the minutes of the last meeting** (Mon 15th April 2024)
After a slight amendment to the minutes to amend name of Hub to St Barnabus Community Centre, the minutes were proposed as accurate by Cllr Batt, seconded by Cllr Tait and agreed by all present.
6. **Any business remaining from previous meetings**
All items for discussion are on the agenda as set items.
7. **County Councillors Report:**
The County Councillors were not present so no update was received.
8. **'Secure & Safe'**
 - a. Police Report - with Cllr Willoughby absent there was no specific police report but the council acknowledged there had been a number of break ins within the area recently.
 - b. Bridge - Cllr Armstrong updated the council on various e-mails, with no great solution. DCC had suggested BPC could do some repair work to the slats, but the council discussed and agreed that as they didn't own the bridge, and spent money on it, this could set a precedent for the future and

could also impact liability for the bridge. DCC suggested that as they can't confirm who owns the bridge, they would not be able to put money in to assist, even though BPC are aware the bridge was installed/facilitated by a previous DCC councillor and is not a BPC asset and additionally bridge is marked on a Durham rights of way map.

BPC discussed the position again and decided there is nothing further they can do, offers to work in partnership had not been taken up. Therefore BPC agreed to no longer discuss the bridge and agreed this should be removed as an agenda item.

9. 'Involved & Connected'

- a. Village signage - Gillian Oliver advised she was still awaiting info from DCC on when the signage would be ready/displayer
- b. St Barnabus Community Centre - Cllr Tait advised the sign had been made and was now in position to advertise the facility. A price to re-upholster the chairs had been received at £38. The Community Centre would still welcome volunteers and are hoping to encourage as many events and activities to the Centre, to bring in people from across the community. Cllr Tait advised there is a new group being looked at for 5-12 year olds, but had no further details at this stage. BPC would be happy to consider subsidies for groups for Room Hire costs, if it will help bring business into the area. Cllr Tait will also keep liaising with the church in terms of setting up a constitution to run St Barnabus Community Centre.
- c. Scarecrow Trail 2024 - Cllr Batt confirmed that Bournmoor School will get involved with the trail, they key now is to promote the dates of 14th/15th September. Cllr Batt advised it would be good if the Parish could help with funds for a prize for the best scarecrow or provide help at the event. Work will focus on the promotion of the event in the coming weeks/months as we build up to the event.
- d. Flower beds - G Oliver advised she had been in touch with Leamside, and had provided photos of the areas for planting and was awaiting a quote.
- e. Xmas Tree Light switch on, Event plans, dates and funding - It was agreed that the Xmas Tree Switch on would take place this year on 29th November at 6pm. The Salvation Army have agreed to take part, local choirs have been contacted to check availability and the local school could help decorate baubles to place on the tree. The council discussed options for who could switch lights on this year, car park arrangements and having a speaker for the event. G Oliver also advised that funding would be forthcoming following support from DCC councillors for the event, which could be used for selection boxes and refreshments. The council will keep this item on the agenda and finalise arrangements as the date gets closer. Cllr Batt also mentioned that further community type events could be considered, starting with a treasure hunt in Spring/Summer next year.

10. Financial Matters:

a. The following payments were approved: -

Room Hire £40

Clerk £316.26

11. Planning Applications: None to discuss

12. Correspondence:

None to discuss

13. Items for future meetings / agenda items

At a future date, the council agreed to consider a Treasure Hunt as an agenda item, perhaps following the Scarecrow Trail.

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

15. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Mon 17th June 2024 @ 7pm in the Church Hall