

Parish Council of Bournmoor

**Meeting of Bournmoor Parish Council, via Zoom,**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 7.00pm**

1. **Present** - Cllr Tait (Chair), Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Holland, Cllr Robinson, G Oliver (Clerk, minuting), Cllr Nelsey, Cllr Brady  
**Guest** – Cllr Bell (DCC)
  
2. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr White
  
3. **Chairmans Introduction** – Cllr Tait welcomed everyone to the virtual Parish meeting, via zoom. Cllr Tait thanked Cllr Robinson for arranging the zoom meeting.
  
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – March minutes were approved and signed off by Cllr Tait per pro the Council.
  
5. **Police report** – Cllr Holland provided an update on the crime in our area, with examples of vehicle crime, burglary and theft, with concerns on the increase being seen. There remain 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 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** – G Oliver advised, more details were needed to progress with a tree application with the Woodland Trust. G Oliver will liase with Cllr Holland and Ken Clark to obtain the exact location and numbers of trees needed to enable G Oliver to progress with the application.
  
7. **Standards matters** – Facebook is now operational with the clerk now having admin access. Regular articles and updates are being published, and the people reached and number of followers are starting to increase. The website will be reviewed shortly and needs updating by September 2020, to meet new requirements. Consideration will also be given as to whether the Parish Council also launch a twitter account.

Cllr Brady asked whether we could advertise a Bournmoor bearhunt for the younger members of our community. G Oliver agreed to do this, so they can locate bears in windows. G Oliver will also advertise the Clap for Carers nights and other community initiatives such as Dance on Your Doorstep via the facebook site.

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

- G Oliver - £395.92
- Foodbank - £750 (£250 returned to us from DCC)
- Spanglefish - £29.95 (via G Oliver)

All banking forms for adding signatories have been completed and issued to the Co-Op Bank by G Oliver for their review, but contact was still awaited from Co-Op Bank. It was agreed to wait until the next meeting before chasing, as aware Banks and stretched with contact from the covid 19 situation.

**9. Correspondence** – none received.

**10. Village Matters** – There remains concerns around speeding in the area, even though recent speeding checks were undertaken, with no substantial concerns from this. It was agreed that we should reconsider this when roads get back to normal and take place at peak times. Consideration was given to whether an illuminated speed sign showing car speed would help. G Oliver agreed to contact David Battensby to see what our options were and costs of purchasing one, or using across the 3 local councils.

G Oliver will also ask David around options for the roundabout, providing a picture of the displaced bricks and asking whether there are possibilities to lower this or add landscaping to soften the view, with any associated costs. Feedback has been received that this remains an eyesore in the area, however, it was noted that the roundabout is doing its job and preventing people speeding or driving over it.

Feedback from the facebook survey, although limited responses suggested benches would be a welcome addition to the area. We agreed to consider this and where, when we can conduct our tour of the area, post covid 19 restrictions.

Cllr Armstrong enquired whether we should put more news around Covid 19 and whether we could identify residents diagnosed with this. It was agreed that we should continue to put general messages out, around keeping safe and following the Government guidelines.

Bournmoor have donated £500 to the community foodbank, which appears to be well organised. The Parish wished them well and would continue to seek updates on their progress.

Other areas highlighted include:-

- Wildflowers have been planted around the community through Ken Clark.
- Flytipping is increasing, with the likely restrictions on waste sites being closed and would continue to be monitored.
- Garden waste collections have also been delayed but are likely to return in May.
- Work has been completed on the footpath by Bournmoor Cricket Club.
- People with rifles have been seen by stream opposite the floaters mill – the PCSO will be informed, to ensure right licenses are held but people are asked to continue to report when they see this to enable checks to be made

**Next Meeting:** 20<sup>th</sup> May 2020. The meeting closed at 20:21