

Parish Council of Bournmoor

**Meeting of Bournmoor Parish Council, Bournmoor Church Hall, 7pm**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021**

1. **Present** – Cllr Robinson (Chair), Cllr Tait, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Nelsey, G Oliver (Clerk, minuting), Cllr Willoughby.

**Guest** – Cllr Heaviside (DCC)

2. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr McKitten, Cllr Brady, Cllr Holland
3. **Chairmans Introduction** – Cllr Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting, passing on apologies for Cllr McKitten who was working this evening.
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Some slight amendments to the June minutes were made and then approved and signed off by Cllr Robinson per pro the Council.
5. **Police Report** – Cllr Holland advised that Janelle Taylor was back at work, and would be keeping in contact.

There were still concerns of ASB in the Bournmoor area, Cllr Heaviside agreed to mention to the neighbourhood warden.

6. **Matters Arising** – Durham PCC will attend the Sept meeting, the council agreed to arrange discussion topics and questions in advance.

The bin for the bus stop at bottom of Bournmoor has been chased up with DCC.

Dog stencils – it was agreed that the council need to identify some locations for dog stencils. Cllr Heaviside will ask DCC about their stencil equipment and any restrictions.

G Oliver advised a formal quote had been received for the 'Griffin Wood' sign from Sign Lead - £495.60. All council agreed to proceed with purchase.

**Action: G Oliver to advise sign lead to proceed and arrange agreement to sign location.**

Slack has now been set up for BPC.

There remains a question mark over the land by West View, whether this was leased to conservation group or whether the land was earmarked for development.

**Action: Cllr Heaviside to check any plans for land or whether BPC could have it even on a temporary basis.**

Clean up in Great Lumley is tomorrow, and we would like to hold another community clean up in Bournmoor before Bonfire night.

**Action: Cllr Heaviside will ask around a further skip or additional day and look to get litter kits for use across the whole division.**

Concerns remained over grasscutting, especially on the Karbon estates. Councillors reminded that any concerns can be put into DCC via the Do It On line report function.

Cllr Armstrong provided an update on the traffic speed signs and had received a cost for a permanent fixture of £10, 812 which included maintenance for 8 years.

**Action: Cllr Armstrong to send e-mail on traffic signs to Cllr Robinson, with Cllr Robinson to ask Sarah-Anne Stoker, DCC assistant traffic engineer to a future meeting.**

G Oliver was still awaiting further updates and simplified maps on the Lambton Estate Roundabout roadworks.

**Action: G Oliver to chase up plans for Lambton Estate Roadworks, and consider inviting attendance to a future meeting**

**Action: Callington Close Parking to be brought to a future meeting, when Cllr Brady present.**

7. **Facilities for Young People/Bournmoor Village Plan** – G Oliver advised on her quote for goalposts, which varied between £446.70 to around £2k.

However, Cllr Robinson advised there were some snags in proceeding, including:-

- a) Understanding who does own the land
- b) The cutting of the grass in this area – DCC are advising it would not be cut
- c) Feedback has been received the whole area is marked for wildflowers, after seeing correspondence between Cllr Bell and Ken Clark, of Bournmoor Conservation Group.

The council discussed the wildflower plans and Cllr Robinson distributed communication between County Councillor Alan Bell and Bournmoor Conservation Group, which had been sent to him by Ken Clark. Councillors unanimously agreed that the areas outlined in this communication should remain 'open space', which could still potentially be used for young people and community facilities. Councillors confirmed that this had not been discussed or agreed with BPC and there was no recollection any correspondence from DCC about plans for such a large area going wild.

**Action: Cllr Robinson to write to Ken Clark about the plans for land, and will follow up ongoing communication with DCC officers and local County Councillors.**

**Action: Cllr Robinson will write to DCC to pursue the answer to the land ownership.**

8. **Standards matters** – The website now includes all the financial records signed off for 20/21. Photos from the steam rally and litter picks have been added.

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

- Clerk - £551.66
- Church Hall hire £40
- Wix - £41.68

Bank balance at end of May was £50, 709.75

10. **Correspondence** – the councillors discussed applications for the vacant councillor position and agreed next steps.

**G Oliver to advise applicants of outcome.**

11. **Village Matters**

Other areas discussed in meeting included:-

- Karbon Survey results and understanding next steps

- Concern around litter by shops area with bins overflowing – reminder this could be done via Do It On Line
- Letters pushed through doors from Jehovah Witnesses
- Poplar Trees by Bournmoor Cricket Club pushing against wall
- Overgrown hedges by Brecon View
- Wooded area by Bournmoor Garage, is this an option for use?
- DCC not picking up litter pick bags from litter pickers – now leaving by DCC bins rather than end of their houses

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**Action:** Clr Tait to book the Church Hall.