

Parish Council of Bournmoor

Meeting of Bournmoor Parish Council, via Zoom, 7pm

Wednesday 19th May 2021

1. **Present** – Cllr Robinson (Chair), Cllr Tait, Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Holland, G Oliver (Clerk, minuting), Cllr Nelsey, Cllr Willoughby, Cllr Brady,
Guests – Cllr Bell (DCC), Cllr Heaviside (DCC)

2. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr McKitten

3. **Chairmans Introduction** – Cllr Robinson welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking everyone for their support as he takes on his first BPC full meeting as Chair. Cllr Robinson paid tribute to Cllr Tait, following his term as Chair, thanking him for all his work and humour brought to meetings. Cllr Robinson advised he felt a good year was ahead for Bournmoor, building on foundations made and felt privileged to take on role as Chair. Cllr Robinson said everyone had a voice, councillors and residents and we need to listen, ensure all feel included & valued. Cllr Robinson also welcomed Cllr Bell and Cllr Heaviside to the meeting following their recent elections as the divisions county councillors.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** – Some slight amendments to the April minutes were made and then approved and signed off by Cllr Robinson per pro the Council.

5. **Police Report** – Cllr Holland advised that he had met with Inspector Lee Morris, who took on board concerns over general policing in the area, but acknowledged this was the case throughout the country, with forces reducing in numbers and less experience on street. ASB, Off-Road Bikes and Drugs remain a concern in the area. It was agreed that Cllr Robinson would work on a draft, and work with G Oliver to send a letter on the Parish concerns to the new Durham Police & Crime Commissioner.

6. **Matters Arising** – G Oliver had been in contact with JRB around purchasing dog dispensers, they are currently out of stock but are expecting more in over the next few weeks. G Oliver will order 3 when back in stock.

Defibs are being checked, G Oliver has trained Cllr Holland in the regular checks. The circuit board needs replacing in the defib unit, and this has been chased up via Cllr Heaviside and Wel Medical. The defib remains fully operational.

The Smiths Arms had their planning application rejected on the grounds of consultation. The owner is now to appeal against the decision.

G Oliver had looked into litter pick sets, but the company used previously has sold out and is not expecting any stock for a few months. There appears to be a stock shortage generally across companies. G Oliver had looked into the cost from other companies and for 10 sets, the cost appears to be between £300-£400. The council agreed that it would be a good investment and G Oliver can order 10 sets, when available.

The new benches for Bournmoor are now in place, with good feedback received.

7. **Standards matters** – Facebook continues to grow with regular postings being placed, and the website is performing well. Cllr Nelsey has been developing further new pages to include local contacts. Cllr Nelsey asked the new councillors for Bio photos and narrative, and send to her and G Oliver to enable the website to be updated. We would also like to include a photo gallery, so please share any photos taken.

Cllr Nelsey had also been looking into logos for BPC, and shared some ideas on screen, seeking opinions or further ideas. It was agreed that Cllr Nelsey would send out a selection of logos via correspondence and councillors are to advise on their top 3 and we will agree the Logo at our next meeting.

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

- Clerk - £441.33
- BHIB Insurance - £493.16
- CDALC Subs - £294.16
- Bank Account to end April - £51,654.24

9. **Correspondence** – G Oliver updated the council on the latest election information, reminding for all expenses forms to be returned to her to issue to DCC, and for declaration of office forms to be signed and passed to her, and register of intent forms.

G Oliver advised a resident had contacted her and sent her photos, of a tree causing some concern at top of Callington Close, which looked like snapping. G Oliver had notified Cllr Bell and the tree section at DCC and Cllr Bell had also made contact with DCC.

A response from Philip Adamson was discussed in relation to the change in the schools admission process from September 2022 applications. Cllr Willoughby will keep councillors informed of any developments. Cllr Bell is also speaking with Great Lumley schools and had met with Andy Finlay, head of Park View school who was interested in multiple academy trusts, although at this stage Primary Schools appear to want to run on their own. The situation will continue to be monitored to see what impact there maybe.

10. Village Matters

Cllr Brady asked if the council would be interested in contributing to a Toddler Group, which is moving from Fencehouses Community Centre to the Bournmoor Church Hall, although they will be looking to apply for grants. Parish Council agreed to look at funding in community as part of 21/22 budget planning, as there maybe others to support.

Concerns continue to be raised around amount of litter being seen/left across the Parish, and councillors expressed their gratitude to the litter picker residents. It was agreed that the council will put their village walk back on the agenda when covid restrictions are lifted. A litter pick in Bournmoor has been arranged in conjunction with Karbon, DCC, Police, Neighbourhood Wardens, Conservation Group and the Parish Council on 3rd June. G Oliver will advertise the event on social media.

Speeding remains a major topic of discussion in the community, with other councils having signs in place. Cllr Armstrong will seek feedback from Sunderland, Durham County Council and Cllr Bell will check with county whether they would let us put 2/3 permanent speeding signs up.

Other areas discussed in meeting included:-

- Cllr Bell will chase up dustbin by bus shelter
- Cllr Bell will look into whether we could get permission for dog stencils on ground, to remind people to clean up after their pets
- Cllr Bell to look into hedge across public footpath by Brecon View
- G Oliver will liase with Sign Lead to get some designs & prices for a 'Griffin Wood' sign
- Cllr Robinson discussed whether a handyman may be useful across the areas, who could help litter pick and do jobs across the area and felt this would be worth exploring further.

- Prosecutions for flytipping are good news and appear to be reducing with the publicity, including commercial flytipping.
- Disappointment the Karbon survey was not yet issued, and did not cover everything the Parish Council fed in – may be worth considering our own survey across the Village
- Cllr Bell and Cllr Robinson discussed need for Play Areas for young people, with residents asking for more facilities for young people. Picnic benches may also be welcome in wooded areas – agreed to have discussion at next meeting as an agenda item as part of the development of a Village Plan for Bournmoor, with Council being asked to consider a range of ideas and dedicate some time to this over this coming year. Cllr Robinson to start drafting a survey for BPC to issue to residents.
- G Oliver will chase up DCC re funding application.
- Cllr Tait to book church hall for next meeting

Next Meeting: The next meeting would be held on 16th June 2021 at 7pm.