

BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Bourton Parish Council will be held on
Tuesday 21 January 2020
at 1900 hrs in the Village Hall

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 17 December 2019**
- 4. Matters arising**
- 5. Questions from Members of the Public**
- 6. Finance**
 - a) To approve payment to Fred Jefferies for work in December**
 - b) To approve quarterly payment to Clerk plus expenses**
 - c) To note final payment of grant from Pinewood School of £9425.00 for build-out**
 - d) To approve payment to Oxfordshire CC of £10,710.00 for build-out**
- 7. Planning Issues**
 - a) To consider application for proposed directional marketing signs x2 at Lowerfield Farm**
- 8. To Consider Traffic Issues in the Village**
- 9. Correspondence**
- 10. Any Other Business**
- 11. Date of Next Meeting**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE VERY WELCOME TO ATTEND

Signed:

Dated:

MINUTES OF THE BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
TUESDAY 21 JANUARY 2020 AT 1900 HRS IN VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Cllr Ledingham (Chairman)
Cllr J Bean
Cllr A Knapp
Cllr D Swann

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received from Cllr Austin.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 DECEMBER 2019

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 17 December were unanimously approved by all present and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4a) The Clerk had submitted a VAT return and would submit a further return in a month or two to cover the VAT on the build-out invoice to be paid this month to Oxfordshire County Council. **Action: Clerk**

4b) The Clerk had asked Mark Bostock about the dropped kerb in The Grove and had been given a contact at the Mears Group who were working on behalf of Sovereign Housing to install this. JB had been assured in a telephone conversation that this would be actioned urgently.

4c) JB had spoken to a contact who would be willing to fell the tree in the churchyard extension and he had cut the branches back that were blocking the path. He was thanked for his efforts on this.

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were two questions from members of the public to be covered under Items 7 and 8.

6. FINANCE

6a) It was unanimously agreed to pay Fred Jefferies for work in November/December and a cheque for £45.00 was signed.

6b) The Clerk's invoice would be paid next month.

6c) It was noted that the final grant payment of £9425.00 from Pinewood School for the build-out had been paid into the bank.

6d) It was unanimously agreed to pay the invoice from Oxfordshire County Council for the build-out and a cheque for £10,710.00 was signed.

7. PLANNING ISSUES

7a) There were no objections to the proposed directional marketing signs x2 on the A420 at Lowerfield Farm for the housing development North of Shrivenham but concern was expressed about the poor visibility/signage at The Wharf junction bearing in mind the reflective bollard was in a very poor state of repair. As parishioners had

been concerned about the visibility when turning off the A420, both on the East and the West carriageway, it was agreed that the Clerk should enquire if this could be addressed as part of the planning condition. She would raise this with both Planning and Highways on grounds of safety and ask again if there was any chance of lighting this junction properly.

Action: Clerk

8. TO CONSIDER TRAFFIC ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE

In addition to the issue concerning visibility at The Wharf junction, another parishioner had raised a query concerning the speed of traffic on the road linking the Bishopstone Road and the B4000 Ashbury road past the houses and entrance to Fern Farm which currently has no speed limit. Following the installation of the new road signs, some of the Pinewood traffic approaching from the South is already turning right and driving around the village to access the school, and this will probably increase once the build-out on the Bishopstone Road has been installed next month. A request has therefore been made for the speed limit to be extended to cover this section of road. Councillors agreed that this should be addressed and the Clerk was therefore asked to explore with Highways if this would be a possibility. It was also felt that future rat-running from the new junction at North Shrivenham along this section of road is going to be a factor once the work begins on the Eastern Villages expansion and the queues build-up on the A420 and therefore the case for a speed limit in this location was quite strong.

Action: Clerk

8. CORRESPONDENCE

All the correspondence circulated had been noted.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Clerk was asked to report the damaged road edges along the Bishopstone Road right up to the Wiltshire border and also on the road past Fern Farm leading to the junction with the Bishopstone Road. **Action: Clerk**

The Clerk was asked to report the blocked drains outside Cleyfields because, despite the fact that they were cleared only recently, they have become blocked again.

Action: Clerk

The Clerk was asked to request a street sign for Lower Bourton to enable delivery drivers to find The Meadows. Ideally it should read "Old Manor Farm Lane, leading to The Meadows" but if that was not possible just a pointer on a sign saying "To The Meadows".

Action: Clerk

It was noted that the deep cleanse had taken place in Bourton and the team had done a good job of clearing the moss from the paths in Lower Bourton and up The Hill.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 25 February 2020 in the village hall at 1900 hrs.

Signed:

Date:

Cheques Issued:

Fred Jefferies £45.00 no 022036 (dated 21 January 2020)

Oxon County Council £10,710.00 no 022037 (dated 21 January 2020)