

BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Bourton Parish Council will be held on
Thursday 6 April 2023 at 1900 hrs
in the Village Hall

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 21 March 2023**
- 4. Matters arising**
- 5. Questions from Members of the Public**
- 6. Finance**
 - a) Update on Parish Council finances at year end**
 - b) To consider request for funding from Village Hall Committee**
 - c) To consider request for funding towards King's Coronation event**
 - d) To consider grant towards Fred Jefferies' memorial service**
 - e) To consider one-off payment of £199.00 plus VAT for website upgrade**
 - f) To approve payment to Net Result for PAYE/year end processing at £65.00**
- 7. Planning Issues**
 - a) To note alternative scheme for Grange Farm Stables refused permission**
- 8. To Consider Agenda for Annual Parish Assembly 24 May**
- 9. Correspondence**
- 10. Any Other Business**
- 11. Date of Next Meeting**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

Signed:

Dated:

MINUTES OF THE BOURTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD
THURSDAY 6 APRIL 2023 AT 1900 HRS

PRESENT

Cllr N Ledingham (Chairman)
Cllr D Swann
Cllr S French
Cllr C Francis
Cllr A Knapp

There were 2 parishioners in attendance from 1900 hrs with 2 more joining at 1930 hrs

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

SF declared an interest in Item 6b).

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2023

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21 March were unanimously approved by all present and were signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4a) The path between Cleycourt Manor and Old Manor Farmhouse had been cleared but the contact details of Puddleduck had not yet been received by the Clerk.

4b) The large blue container which had liquid in it and was part of the original flytipping along The Avenue had still not been cleared. The Clerk would report this. **Action: Clerk**

4c) AK was thanked for reporting the overgrown hedge along the path from Silver Street to Church Row.

4d) Councillors were pleased to see the painted road markings for the 20 mph but thought OCC should be chased to come and unveil the signs. The Clerk would contact them. **Action: Clerk**

5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from members of the public.

6. FINANCE

6a) At the last meeting it had been agreed to defer a decision on unbudgeted items for 2023/24 until it was known if there was to be a contested election. There was still uncertainty about some of the unbudgeted items although the contested election at approx. £1500 and the website upgrade at £199 plus VAT would now need to be paid. AK offered to look at the tree in the graveyard and Jack was being asked to do some work on the line of the original footpath – neither of these items had been in the budget. SF highlighted the possibility of obtaining a grant from TOE to fund work in the graveyard extension which might include a bench and could possibly include work to the tree. He agreed to look into this. **Action: AK/SF**

Councillors therefore had to consider the requests for grants from the village hall, the Coronation and Fred Jefferies' memorial service in the light of the fact that we would have somewhere between £500-£1000 to play with.

6b) It was unanimously agreed that the village hall should be awarded a grant of £400 (SF took no part in the vote). This would mostly come from the Good Causes account that had £372.69 remaining in it. As this was part of the original grant from the John Laing fund back in 2000, it was not precepted money so avoided any possible issues about awarding grants from public funds. Thanks were given to the Parish Council for this donation.

6c) It was unanimously agreed to award a grant of £200 to the Coronation Event.

6d) It was unanimously agreed to award a donation of £50 towards the memorial service for Fred Jefferies.

6e) It was unanimously agreed that the one-off payment of £199 plus VAT was necessary to upgrade the website and a cheque for £238.80 was signed. Although the website served the whole community, it was paid for by the Parish Council. DS had obtained the original grant to fund the website and the necessary training and was thanked for willingly giving up his time to post all of the required notices in the village including the information the Parish Council was obliged to publish on this forum.

6f) It was unanimously agreed to pay Net Result for the PAYE/end of year processing for the Clerk and handyman and a cheque for £65.00 was signed.

7. PLANNING ISSUES

7a) It was noted that the alternative scheme for Grange Farm Stables had been refused permission.

8. TO CONSIDER AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY ON 24 MAY

It was confirmed that the Village Hall AGM would take place at 1900 hrs followed by the Annual Parish Council Assembly at 1930 hrs. Agenda items would follow the usual routine but it was uncertain who would be our District Councillors at that time following the Election. CF suggested an item on further traffic calming measures in the village might be added but the Clerk advised against this as it might serve to raise expectations when there were no meaningful funds left in the account to pay for this. No volunteers had come forward to establish a Neighbourhood Watch in the village and therefore it was agreed this should be an agenda item.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

All relevant correspondence had been circulated.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

SF reported potholes on the road past Fern Farm. The Clerk would report.

Action: Clerk

There had been issues in the village with the construction deliveries to Home Farm and NL had reported this to Patrick Carty who has issued instructions for construction traffic to use the B4000 route. There were no further reports of heavy lorries coming through the village but NL offered to contact Patrick Carty again and ask if signs could be put at The Wharf and at the bottom of The Hill to prevent any further issues. NL was thanked for his efforts on this.

Action: NL

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

As Bourton would be having an election, Councillors would retire 4 days after the election on 8 May and new Councillors would take office on 9 May. The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would take place on 16 May at 1900 hrs and the Annual Parish Assembly would take place at 1930 hrs on 24 May.

A very generous thanks was given from a parishioner for the time and effort Parish Councillors willingly gave to support their community, some over many years, as she was aware that some unwarranted criticism had been received. A second parishioner also gave thanks.

Signed:

Date:

Cheques Issued:

NetWise UK£238.80 no 022108 (dated 6 April 2023)
S Hoskin Net Result £65.00 no 022109 (dated 6 April 2023)
Bourton Village Hall £400.00 no 022110 (dated 6 April 2023)
A Johnson (Coronation) £200.00 no 022111 (dated 6 April 2023)
Fred Jefferies' Memorial Service £50.00 no 022112 (dated 6 April 2023)