**Bovingdon Parish Council**

Meeting of the Outdoors Committee

held in The Memorial Hall, High Street, Bovingdon

on

6 March 2018 starting at 7.30 p.m.

**Present:**

Councillor Alison Gunn

Councillor Graham Barrett

Councillor Julia Marshall

Councillor Ben Richardson

Councillor Julie Steer

Councillor David Stent (Chairman)

Councillor Adrian Watney

**Also present:**

Mike Kember, Parish Clerk

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| **1.** | **Apologies for absence** |  |
|  | There were apologies for absence received from Councillors Richard Taylor and Pauline Wright. |  |
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| **2.** | **Declaration of Interests linked to any of the items** |  |
|  | There were no Declarations of Interest. |  |
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| **3.** | **Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2017** |  |
|  | It was agreed by those present at the meeting, that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2017 were a true representation of the meeting and were signed by Councillor Dave Stent. |  |
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| **4.** | **Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2017** **– not on the agenda** |  |
| **4.1** | **Vehicle damage to grass verges** |  |
|  | Councillor Barrett has met recently with Rob Cassidy from Dacorum BC to find out who owns the land. Rob Cassidy to provide a definitive answer. | Councillor Barrett |
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| **4.2** | **Maintenance of the Docks and pond on Bovingdon Green** |  |
|  | Agreed to accept the quotation received from The Garden Company for the maintenance of the Docks and the pond on Bovingdon Green for 2018 – 19.  Agreed to obtain a further quote for getting a larger digger to clear the pond on Bovingdon Green and to look into getting a grant for this work from the Fields in Trust / The Box Moor Trust. Friends of Bovingdon Green to make the application.  Councillor Barrett to follow-up with a contractor who may be able to repair the damaged section of railing around the Dock and to paint the railings once the repair is undertaken. | Parish Clerk  Parish Clerk  Councillor Barrett |
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| **4.3** | **Bovingdon Green – oak sapling** |  |
|  | Councillor Barrett to arrange for the plaque to be fitted. | Councillor Barrett |
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| **4.4** | **Highway issues – various road signs / finger sign posts** |  |
|  | Councillor Steer reported that the junction of Chesham Road / Leyhill Road is in the HCC budget to be resurfaced in 2018 – 19. Councillors Steer and Stent met with Peter Wright from Herts Highways recently and toured the village to look at various maintenance issues. The resurfacing of the footpath in Vicarage Lane is down as a priority for consideration. The state of Shantock Hall Lane is not regarded as a priority.  We have been asked to let County Councillor Richard Roberts have a list of our highways concerns for consideration in the 2019 - 20. | Richard Roberts |
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| **4.5** | **The former Bull Pub Sign, Chipperfield Road** |  |
|  | The Parish Clerk was asked to arrange for someone from Dacorum BC to inspect this sign and get an up to date condition report, as there is concern that the wood may have rotted. | Parish Clerk |
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| **5.** | **2017-18 Budget – spend to 28 February 2018** |  |
|  | The RFO had circulated details of the budget spend to 28 February 2018, which were noted. |  |
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| **6.** | **The Parish Paths Partnership Scheme (P3) 2018 – 19 - grant application** |  |
|  | Agreed to apply for a grant towards resurfacing the remainder of the footpath between Austins Mead and Bryant’s Nursery, Water Lane (Footpath 11). A quotation of £2,136 + VAT has been received from the contractor who | Parish Clerk |
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| **7.** | **High Street Project update** |  |
|  | The Parish Clerk has written to the Lord of the Manor asking if he will remove the caution he has on the Borough owned land opposite Ameyzoo, where it is hoped to provide some much needed car parking spaces. | Parish Clerk |
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|  | Councillor Barrett gave an update on the discussions that are being held with Hertfordshire County Council and Dacorum Borough Council regarding the various land uses in the High Street. |  |
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| **8.** | **High Street – replacement of trees outside Archway / library** |  |
|  | Agreed to replace the tree outside Archway but not outside the Library. Councillor Steer to progress. | Councillor Steer |
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| **9.** | **Bovingdon Parish 10K and Fun Run – Update** |  |
|  | Agreed that Councillors Stent and Wright will join the Steering Group. |  |
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| **10.** | **Litter on Bovingdon Airfield** |  |
|  | A resident had complained about the amount of litter on the footpath across the airfield. This is an on-going issue and has previously been investigated by Dacorum Borough Council. Their Enforcement Officer had written to Wendy Fair Markets who operate the Saturday Market to remind them of the condition attached to the planning permission and have subsequently advised the Parish Council that as there is no breach of planning control at the site, that the Borough Council can take no further action.  This is regarded as an 'Act of God' as the wind etc., blows the litter across the airfield. |  |
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|  | There is to be a village ‘litter pick’ on 17 March 2018 between 10.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon. |  |
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| **11.** | **Christmas Street lighting** |  |
|  | Councillors Gunn and Marshall have met with Matt Taylor from Lamps & Tubes Illuminations Ltd. in Chesham. They are also drafting an article to go in the Bovingdon News and a letter to all business seeking sponsorship. It is also proposed to set up a ‘Go Fund Me’ page on Facebook. Provisional date for Christmas Street Fayre is 2 December 2018. |  |
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| **12.** | **Health & Safety** |  |
| **12.1** | **Adverse weather** |  |
|  | Noted that there is sufficient grit for the Village Warden to spread on pavements, etc., if there is more snow. |  |
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| **13.** | **Any other business** |  |
| **13.1** | **Proposed installation of a telecom cabinet** |  |
|  | A request has been received from BT Open Reach to install a cabinet O/S 4 Chipperfield Road (grid reference 501670 203546) to provide Superfast broadband through the government funded BDUK programme to the immediate area. This is the area of grass above the Docks where the well is situated. |  |
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|  | The Committee agreed to this request and asked that before proceeding with the installation, that BT consult their legal advisor for clarification, as the Lord of the Manor has an entry on the ‘Charges Register’ as kept by the Land Registry (printed below).  ‘A Transfer of the land in this title dated 24 January 1989 made between  (1) Nicholas Guy Halsey and (2) Bovingdon Parish Council contains a  right of pre-emption affecting the land secondly described in favour of  Nicholas Guy Halsey and his successors in title upon the terms therein  mentioned which will subsist until 24 January 2069.’ | Parish Clerk |
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| **14.** | **Date of next meeting** |  |
|  | To be arranged. Agreed meetings will start at 7.00 p.m. | All to note |
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|  | A resolution was passed in the following terms: |  |
|  | **Exclusion of the public**  Part II – That under S 4 (A) of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public be excluded during the item(s) in Part II of the agenda for this meeting, because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the public were present during these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information relating to a contract. |  |
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| **15.** | **To review the Village Warden’s contract** |  |
|  | Councillor Stent will continue to work with the Village Warden to review the contract. Agreed to extend the existing contract for one year. | Parish Clerk |
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|  | Meeting closed at 9.25 p.m. |  |
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