

Bovingdon Parish Council

Meeting of the Outdoors Committee
held in The Memorial Hall, High Street, Bovingdon
on
15 February 2022 starting at 7.00
p.m.

Present:

Councillor Alison Gunn
Councillor Ben Richardson
Councillor Hugh Schneiders
Councillor Dave Stent
Councillor Philip Walker
Councillor Adrian Watney
Councillor Pauline Wright (Chair)

Also present:

Mike Kember, Parish Clerk

1.	Apologies for absence	
	There were apologies for absence received from Councillor Graham Barrett and David Cooper, Bovingdon Contract Manager, Sunnyside Rural Trust.	
2.	Declaration of Interests linked to any of the items	
	There were no Declarations of Interest.	
3.	Minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2021	
	It was agreed by those present at the meeting, that the minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2021 were a true representation of the meeting and were signed by Councillor Wright.	
4.	Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 November 2021 not on the agenda	
4.1	Creation of additional off-street parking	
	The Parish Clerk was asked to follow-up with Gill Martinez at Dacorum Borough Council to find out what the position is regarding the provision of additional parking spaces on the grass verges in Old Dean and Austins Mead.	Parish Clerk
4.2	Booklet of village footpaths	
	Councillor Walker reported that this project is on-going.	Councillor Walker
4.3	Millennium Sign, High Street	
	Luke Jarman has expressed an interest in refurbishing / repainting the sign and Councillor Stent agreed to follow this up.	Councillors Stent
4.4	Footpaths	

	The Parish Clerk is in contact with Clayton Rae at Dacorum Borough Council to find out whether there is a list / map of the landowners adjacent to the footpaths in the parish.	Parish Clerk
4.5	Planting of daffodil bulbs	
	This work has been undertaken by the Sunnyside Rural Trust.	
5.	Report from Sunnyside Rural Trust (SRT) on Village Warden contract – David Cooper, Bovingdon Contract Manager	
	David Cooper was unable to attend the meeting but had previously circulated information to the Committee, which was noted. The edging work in the High Street has been favourably commented on by a number of residents.	
	Councillor Wright gave an update on the meeting held with Councillor Stent and the Parish Clerk on 26 January 2022 to redefine elements of the contract between the Council and the Trust. The next step is to meet with SRT to discuss these.	Councillor Wright / Parish Clerk
	Rob Cassidy, Parks & Open Spaces Officer at Dacorum BC has agreed to replace the bench opposite the bus shelter on Bovingdon Green and to remove the damaged bench on Dinmore.	
6.	Budget Spend to 31 January 2022	
	Dave Kirk, RFO had previously circulated an email to the Committee setting out the financial position to the end of January. There is some surplus which has been allocated to cutting back hedges in Newhouse Road, Chesham Road, Church Lane and part of the footpaths from Austins Mead to Bovingdon Green and Shantock Hall Lane to Bovingdon Green.	Councillors Schneiders & Wright
7.	To discuss the following:	
(a)	Village gates	
	Councillor Wright reported on a meeting with a resident in Green Lane who had commented on the village gate. There was a general discussion about the village gates and it was agreed to paint them white and maintain them for the time being pending the work being undertaken as part of the monies received from the Police & Crime Commissioners budget to improve the road safety at the entrances to the village. The gate in Green Lane may be relocated and placed on the opposite side of the road to the gate on the Chipperfield Road.	Councillor Wright / Parish Clerk
	The Parish Marshals will clear the vegetation from the existing gate in the Chipperfield Road and Councillor Schneiders will arrange for the tree which is damaging the gate to be removed.	Councillors Richardson & Schneiders
(b)	Austins Mead	
	Several complaints have been from residents about work undertaken to the trees on the piece of land at the entrance to Austins Mead. However, the Parish Council is unable to help as two thirds of the land is in the ownership of 3 Austins	

	Mead and the strip nearest the Chipperfield Road is the responsibility of Dacorum Borough Council.	
(c)	Pond on Bovingdon Green	
	Councillor Walker confirmed that he has placed an order for the replacement of the two original Interpretation Boards provided by the Countryside Management Services	Councillor Walker
	Councillor Walker to place an order with Amazon for two new signs with the wording 'Danger – deep water'.	Councillor Walker
	The laurels around the electricity sub-station on Bovingdon Green have been cut back by SRT.	
	The Parish Clerk confirmed that the renewal of the lease for the pond which expires in April 2022 is being undertaken by the Commercial Assets & Property Development at Dacorum Borough Council.	Parish Clerk
	SRT has completed the renovation of the pond, although there may be a need to carry out some further dredging this winter.	
d	Contract for maintenance of the Docks and pond on Bovingdon Green	
	Councillor Wright has asked SRT for a quote for the annual maintenance of the pond and the Parish Clerk has written to The Garden Company for a quote for the annual maintenance of the Docks.	Councillor Wright / Parish Clerk
e	Footpaths / fly tipping	
	Councillor Wright reported that part of the footpath in Green Lane is to be resurfaced by Herts CC, although it was felt that this area was not a priority within the village. Fly tipping is reported via the Parish Office to Dacorum BC. Agreed to arrange for the hedgerow to be cut back along part of the footpath from Shantock Lane to Bovingdon Green to be.	Councillor Wright / Parish Clerk
	Agreed to cut back brambles and undergrowth of hedges on parts of Bovingdon Green.	Councillor Wright / Parish Clerk
f	Watering system for the Memorial Hall hanging baskets	
	Councillors Stent and Walker undertook to investigate the installation of a watering system for the hanging baskets at the Memorial Hall.	Councillors Stent & Walker
g	Plant containers	
	Councillor Wright reported that Rob Cassidy, Parks & Open Spaces Officer at Dacorum BC has agreed to let us have four hanging window boxes to be attached to the railings outside the Library. Further consideration to be given to the provision of additional planters.	Councillor Wright
8.	The Queens Green Canopy (QGC)	

	Councillor Wright reported that a tree has been ordered via Dacorum BC to be planted on the grassed area outside of Archway flats in the High Street. A donation of £500 is required for the maintenance and upkeep of the tree for the first five years. However, this will be partially offset by a grant of £350 from Herts CC	Councillor Wright
	Agreed to purchase a plaque costing £25 from the Royal British Legion to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee.	Parish Clerk
9.	Health & Safety	
	None	
10.	Any other business	
	None	
11.	To agree dates of meetings for remainder of 2022	
	26 April, 26 July & 15 November. Meetings start at 7.00 p.m.	All to note
	Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.	

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