

Meeting of the Bovingdon Parish Council

Held in The Memorial Hall, High Street, Bovingdon

6 March 2023 starting at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Mike Foulds
Councillor Alison Gunn
Councillor Ben Richardson
Councillor Hugh Schneiders
Councillor Julie Steer
Councillor David Stent (Chair)
Councillor Philip Walker
Councillor Adrian Watney

Also present:

Borough Councillor Gbola Adeleke
County Councillor Richard Roberts
Clare Norton, Chair Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
Gary Cullum, The Bovingdon Villager
Mike Kember, Parish Clerk (Retiring)
Chloe North, Parish Clerk (Replacement)
Three residents

	<p>Councillor Stent introduced Chloe North as the new Parish Clerk and welcomed her to the meeting.</p>	
1.	<p>To receive apologies for absence Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Graham Barrett and Pauline Wright and Borough Councillor Stuart Riddick.</p>	
2.	<p>Specific Declarations of Interest Councillor Steer made a declaration of interest under item 9.1 report back from Finance & General Purposes Committee as she is a member of a group that uses the Memorial Hall.</p>	
3.	<p>Public Question time There were no questions raised.</p>	
4.	<p>Signing of Minutes: Bovingdon Parish Council Meeting, 9th January 2023 Those councillors present agreed the minutes of the meeting of Bovingdon Parish Council held on 9th January 2023 were a true representation of the meeting and the minutes were signed by Councillor Stent.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes: – Bovingdon Parish Council Meeting, 9th January 2023</p>	
5.1	<p>Dead cherry tree outside Archway Flats Councillor Wright is in ongoing discussions with Luke Johnson, Trees & Woodlands Team Leader of Dacorum Borough Council regarding the replacement of this tree.</p>	Councillor Wright
5.2	<p>Opening / closing of school gates on Saturdays Gary Cullum has kindly agreed to unlock the public toilets and school gates on Saturday mornings and previous arrangements for locking the toilets and closing gates will be re-instated with effect from 1st April 2023.</p>	Councillor Stent / Parish Clerk

	Councillor Stent to arrange for the purchase of two A-boards.	
5.3	<p>Neighbourhood Plan The Parish Clerk confirmed that the 1st Bovington Scouts have received a payment of £200.00 for delivering the NP Summaries.</p>	
5.4	<p>Village Gates Councillor Walker reported that a survey of condition had been undertaken of the four village gates and that the necessary repairs will be undertaken.</p>	Councillors Schneiders / Walker
5.5	<p>Community Safety / Road Safety Fund Award Councillor Richardson to write to Councillor Roberts to see if he can expedite progress on the implementation of the scheme with Herts Highways.</p> <p>Councillor Richardson reported that the Speed Indicator Device on the Hempstead Road requires the battery to be replaced.</p>	Councillor Roberts / Richardson
5.6	<p>Bovington Parish 10K Councillor Steer reported that there have been conversations with a couple of groups in the village about the future organisation and management of the event. Due to various factors this will not be possible, therefore it has been agreed the event will not be held.</p>	
6.	<p>Crime Report Councillor Richardson had circulated the crime report for January and February 2023. PC Dan Stevens has suggested that it may be helpful for Bovington to get together with neighboring Parish's to identify local problems that cross boundaries. PC Stevens to organise. Councillor Roberts identified the need for more community policing.</p>	Councillor Richardson
7.	<p>Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Clare Norton, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, reported as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There have been 77 individual responses to the statutory consultation including 14 from Statutory bodies and four from developers. There are 198 comments to reply to. 2. 125 people attended the successful open even that took place on the 22nd January. 3. The Steering group will be meeting on 8th March to review the comments received. 4. The draft NP will then be sent to the Parish Council for their comments and approval. 	
8.	<p>To receive and adopt the following Committee minutes:</p>	
(8.1)	<p>Planning Committee Meeting: (i) 19 December 2022 (ii) 9 January 2023 Resolved that the minutes of these meetings as circulated, be received and adopted.</p>	
9.	<p>Feedback from Chair of Committees:</p>	
(9.1)	<p>Finance & General Purposes Committee There have been no meetings of this committee.</p>	
(9.1.1)	<p>Resolutions to be considered from the Finance & General Purposes Committee Councillor Steer raised a question about the 'all areas' rate. Councillor Stent suggested that clarity is required on this matter and said that it would be</p>	

	<p>referred back to the working group who will look at the impact this could have for some of the community groups as this was a concern for the council. The working group will report back on this to a future meeting.</p> <p>That the Council approves the revised Interim Hall Rental Charges from 1 April 2023.</p> <p>It was proposed by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Watney and resolved that the Council approves an increase of 11% across all bands on interim Hall Rental Charges from 1st April 2023.</p>	
(9.2)	<p>Memorial Hall Management Committee There have been no meetings of the Committee.</p>	
(9.3)	<p>Outdoors Committee There have been no meetings of the Committee.</p>	
(9.4)	<p>Personnel Committee There have been no further meetings of the Committee.</p>	
(9.5)	<p>Planning Committee The Committee has met twice since the last meeting of the Parish Council and considered 13 applications.</p> <p>Councillor's Walker and Watney had a meeting with members of the bowls club to discuss the proposals put forward for a possible new site for the club at Grange Farm.</p>	
10.	<p>Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Councillor Steer had circulated a list of approved new build properties and Councillor Richardson and Stent will monitor these during their Parish Marshal rounds.</p>	Councillor Richardson / Steer
11.	<p>Report from the Council's Representative on outside groups / bodies:</p>	
(11.1)	<p>Bovingdon BP10 See item 5.6</p>	
(11.2)	<p>Bovingdon Community Library There was nothing to report.</p>	
(11.3)	<p>Chilterns Conservation Board Councillor Watney reported that they are putting a lot of effort into preserving the chalk streams in the area.</p>	
12.	<p>Coronation of King Charles III - Saturday 6 May 2023 / Monday 8 May 2023 The Parish Council will be promoting neighbours and communities to come together to celebrate the coronation on Sunday 7th May by offering grants to encourage street parties. To support The Big Help Out on Monday 8th May the Parish Council will be inviting villagers to help with clearance and maintenance work to the pond on Bovingdon Green and join in with the St. Lawrence Church gardening team. 1st Bovingdon Scouts have offered to provide hotdogs and refreshments during the day.</p>	
(12.1)	<p>Resolutions to be considered from the Finance & General Purposes Committee</p>	

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13. Health & Safety

There was nothing to report.

14. Any other urgent business

There were no items raised.

15. To note date of the next Bovingdon Parish Council meeting:

Monday 15 May 2023 - Annual Parish Meeting starting at 7.00 p.m. to be followed immediately by the Annual Meeting of Bovingdon Parish Council – details and timings to be confirmed nearer the date

The Council passed a resolution 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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