

Bourtons' Broadsheet

June 2020



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Sue's preamble...

... and so it continues – what a strange existence this is albeit appreciate it must be just as strange and of course anxious for those who continue to go into work, particularly on the front line – how grateful we are for their skill and commitment in all areas of work.

I think you'll agree that the village made a fantastic effort to enjoy VE day celebrations – it was lovely to walk around the village, during our daily exercise, and see the decorations and chat to so many of you and I was really pleased to make the acquaintance of a few new faces (new to me anyway) – really good to meet you! For anyone who wasn't able to get out and appreciate the colourful displays I've tried to give a flavour of the day on the centre pages (8 & 9) view online for the colour version (<https://bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk>)– thanks to all photographers and models!

Life in the garden moves apace – daffs have gone, forget-me-nots are just going over and now looking forward to the peonies bursting into bloom and the roses promising to be amazing this year. Really enjoyed the plant swap and apologies that I just had an abundance of chives!

The hedgehogs continue to visit – sometimes two at a time – not social distancing at all even from us! I also got very excited to see, for the first time, a cuckoo in the garden – well I thought it was a cuckoo until I was made aware that the sparrow hawk has similar markings and yes, it was the latter. Should have known really as all the other birds went into a very noisy panic... thankfully there were no casualties in our garden at least.

Fingers crossed flaming May continues into June! Stay safe...

Sue

ps front page photo taken during one of our daily walks

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Did you know...

...if you have access to Facebook there is a lot of useful information being shared by Bourtons' residents. The two private groups to join are 'The Bourtons Community' and 'Bourtons Coronavirus Support Group'. If you have any difficulty joining these do let Sue know on 01295 758036.



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Village Hall: Maggie MacAngus – 01295 750497

Community Hall: Claire Yates – 07810 518794 or email:
bourtonscommunityhall@mail.com

Bourtons' Art Group

Meet on Mondays, 10am to 1pm, £13pp. Until further notice these sessions are run online – please contact Barry (The Artery) on 01295 275150 for further information.

Bourtons' Gardening Club – will not meet during June.

Bourtons' Music Society – will not meet during June. Information about the society and future events can be obtained by contacting Margaret Damen on 01295 758519.

The Bell Inn continues to offer a take away/delivery menu on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings - call 01295 750862 from 4:30pm to find out what is on offer and to place your order – see FB page also. Take away collection is done from the front door so as to ensure social distancing guidelines are observed.

Delivery is free to GB, LB and Cropredy. The menu may differ weekly depending on supplies available.

*** STOP PRESS – you can pre-order Hooky for the weekends, bringing your own container is helpful ***

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Note from Maggie MacAngus...

"To date the sale of the Bourtons in Action DVD has raised approx. £300.00 for the Bell Tower fund.

Thank you all for your purchase."

NEW

TELEPHONE SUPPORT SERVICE

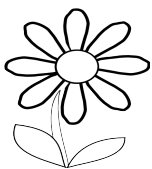
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Cluster Care – Owing to the need to protect members, Cluster Care's Tuesday gatherings remain suspended - we will provide an update as soon as we are able. During this time Mo Sayer continues to keep in touch, weekly, with our members and may be contacted for information or advice (tel no 01295 369533 or 07814 083275).

Meanwhile, in preparation for Cluster Care's return we should be delighted to hear from anyone interested in joining our volunteer team which includes assisting with the care of our Tuesday members and volunteers to drive some of our members to and from the Cropredy Sports Pavilion.

For more information please call Mo or contact Andrew Johnson (tel no 01295 758104) if you're interested in becoming a volunteer driver. We do welcome offers of support and donations. If you are able then please view our website for additional information www.clustercare.org.uk

Cropredy Walking Group – Walks are cancelled until further notice.

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Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM – All Saints) has been postponed until the Autumn – date to be advised.

Foodbank

Whilst the Church is closed items may be left with
Gina Cumming, Greenslade, Crow Lane, GB.

Please leave items under covered area near door.

Items are taken to The People's Church, Banbury.

The June Community Coffee Morning is cancelled.





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THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the VIRTUAL meeting held online on
Tuesday, 12th May 2020 at 19:30hrs

Note: The Local Authorities & Police & Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority & Police & Crime Panel Meetings) (England & Wales) Regulations 2020 allowed Parish Councils to convene their meetings virtually online.

In attendance online: Cllr Mrs S E Leszczynski (Chairman),
Cllrs Mrs S Upton, A Johnson, D Walker, D Drummond; CCllr G Reynolds &
S Bowen (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr C Upton, DCllr P Chapman.

Declarations of Interest: None

Public Participation: Two members of the public joined the meeting
virtually.

Minutes: The previous Council meeting (April) minutes were received and
APPROVED.

Item

Footpaths - Progress Report

Very comprehensive reports received from our Footpath Warden; many
thanks. These will be collated into a single document and published along
with an interactive map on our website. Walkers are encouraged to report
any future issues for inclusion in the report.

Letter to be sent to C&RT reporting unsafe condition of canal towpath in GB,
which is unusual in being a registered footpath, reminding them of their
responsibility under the Countryside Act and requesting confirmation of when
the damage will be repaired.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report

School Lane has been marked up for pothole repairs, contact with OCC to find
out when repairs will take place. Marked holes in Foxden Way have been filled
and repairs near the railway bridge have also been made.

Defibrillators - Progress Report

Both machines reported to be operating correctly.

Website development - Progress Report.

Nothing to report

Projects

Nothing to report

Playgrounds & Public Spaces

Government changes to Lockdown still prohibit Playgrounds from reopening.
Public are advised that they may take unlimited outdoor exercise but must act
responsibly in social distancing and wash hands thoroughly after returning
home.

Email received from CDC re Garners Field LAP. Hayfield Homes advised and
this Council to encourage CDC to quickly resolve outstanding issues so LAP
can be transferred from HH.

Allotments

In the light of a further application for a plot from outside the Parish, a Brief for Cllrs will be prepared reviewing the options for changing the Allotment T&C's to limit the number of non-Parishioners holding plots, to be considered at next meeting.

Public transport

Nothing to report

Halls

Village Hall: Currently closed in line with Government instruction, to slow transmission of Covid-19.

Community Hall: Currently closed in line with government instruction, to slow transmission of Covid-19.

The CIO Treasurer is to chase up CDC re our request that the allowable discount be applied to the business rates demand.

New Hall lease to be expedited, CIO to report any concerns urgently.

Healthcare

Cropredy Surgery advises the practice is coping well and managing increasing numbers of consultation by video conferencing. They anticipate that this may continue as a permanent feature.

Finance & Administration

The financial statement for May including receipts and payments had been previously circulated to Cllrs and was **APPROVED**.

5 payments totalling £1482.40 were **APPROVED**. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

SW Services: mowing - £511.00

Vision ICT: email hosting - £129.60

The year-end bank reconciliation was circulated and it was **RESOLVED** to accept this.

The year-end accounts were circulated and it was **RESOLVED** to accept them.

The AGAR annual return was circulated and it was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Governance Statement could be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The AGAR Accounting Statement was reviewed and it was **RESOLVED** that this could be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

The Clerk reported that the AGAR annual return was nearly complete, only awaiting the Internal Audit report from our auditor who had been contacted. He anticipated this could be submitted before the end of May.

The increase in the working-from-home allowance was noted and it was **RESOLVED** that this could be claimed by the Clerk.

Planning applications

20/01110/F: Mr & Mrs Martin, Stonelea: Re-submission of application for 2 dwellings. SUPPORT, with mitigating conditions requested.

20/00984/F: Fernhill Developments, development on land off School Lane, amendment to (19/01808/F), OBJECT with conditions requested.

20/00981/R56: Mr R Hall, Bourton Fields Farm: change of use at Little Bourton Acres Barn, Hanwell Lane: OBJECT

Decisions

No new decisions

Enforcement matters

No updates

Correspondence

Various correspondence regarding Coronavirus has been received and where appropriate has been circulated and posted on the website.

New business

No new business raised.

County & District Councillors report

CCllr Reynolds attended the early part of the meeting and contributed to discussions on specific matters.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 5th June at 19:30hrs as a virtual meeting unless current restrictions lifted.

Meeting closed at 20:35hrs

Minutes drafted by the Clerk on 13/05/20.

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BACK IN TIME

with Brian Cannon...

"With the present Coronavirus lockdown, the countryside has become alive again with parents out walking with their children instead of staying indoors and possibly becoming iPad zombies.

When I was young, children had tasks to do and had to run errands for their Gran etc., I can recall when I was about 13 getting home from school and walking a mile to take over horse hoeing mangolds with a large grey shire called Prince so that a man could go back to the farm for milking. As it was late in the day Prince would walk slowly down the field but when I turned him back up towards the road he thought he was going home and walked faster. When I eventually unhitched him I stood him by a gate so that I could climb onto his back and walk him home. I can also remember taking horses to Mr Plester the farrier near the canal in what is now Castle Quay. We would clamber over snowdrifts in winter to get to school but now with just a little snow most schools close. The nearest I ever got to a holiday was staying for a week with my cousins on their farm."

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... a bit of fun ... Answers...

to the quiz for those with a sweet tooth 😊

Wobbly infants	Jelly Tots
Where refined people live	Quality Street
Edible fasteners	Chocolate Buttons
Nine, ten, eleven	After Eight
Home of alcoholic teeth	Wine Gums
Sounds like mother's local	Mars Bar
Generosity	Bounty
Belly dancer	Turkish Delight
Bertie's oddments	Liquorice Allsorts
Our Galaxy	Milky Way
Tartan granite	Butterscotch
Wise guys	Smarties
Royal herb	Mint Imperials

Note from The Revd Hilary...

"Dear Friends

You may have heard that in May we celebrated David Upton and his 40 years of support to the Church and community – congratulations David for keeping us musically accompanied and entertained! We are all very grateful to David and this is a fabulous achievement.

Currently we are still unable to gather in our church building for worship, though there are other ways we continue to be together as church community. On Tuesdays we hold midday prayers using Zoom (an online platform) – please do join us – the meeting identifier and password codes are below (exclude #).

For those unable to join online there is a telephone option – please call 020 3051 2874, listen to the instructions and then, using the keypad on your phone, enter:

the meeting identifier code: 876 1050 9268#

and, when prompted, the password: 519600#

Standard call rates apply.

We are not able to take people's collections in church services at the moment, though bills still need to be paid, including the costs associated with the building such as insurance. I know these are difficult times for us all, but if you were able to continue to donate to the church, or even make an extra donation, that would be very welcome. We continue to be grateful for all our regular supporters and donors, and if you would like to become a more regular financial supporter, please get in touch. You can donate by cheque, or online. Please contact one of our Wardens, John Alcock or Pauline Wypior, or email secretarypcc.allsaintsgb@gmail.com for details.

Please may I ask that, whilst taking your daily exercise, you continue to be vigilant and keep an eye on the Church and Bell Tower? We hope our buildings stay safe during this time but if you do notice anything out of the ordinary then please let us know.

Keep taking care of yourselves and others. Keep in touch.

love from Hilary"

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Email: vicar@campbells.me.uk

Bourtons' Bloomers – how are your sunflowers progressing?

Note from Ann Brooks

Chairman, Bourtons' Gardening Club

"Many of you will know that thanks to a lightbulb moment from Julie Tomlin, the Sunflower Growing Competition in the Bourtons has been resurrected. It used to take place annually in the 1990s and the parish record currently stands at a very impressive 14'10" (4m 52cm). The plan during lockdown was to try and raise some money for charity, have some fun growing and encourage some youngsters in the villages to take part in sowing and growing. So far it has raised £535 for charity (mainly the NHS but also the Trussell Trust food bank in Banbury) which is incredibly generous of everyone. As I write this, 3 out of 5 of my seeds have come up; we look forward to judging the sunflowers in the autumn. Thank you to everyone who is taking part, donated, and helped with the organisation."

