

BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

October 2023



Welcome ...

Gosh – what a change from August! As I start pulling this together for October – it's sweltering and just gorgeous sitting in the back garden and this week I lit a fire!

September was/is busy, busy, busy – welcoming Revd Canon Sarah to the community, Drop Inn at the community hall, fundraising tea party for the Wildlife Friendly Community initiative and the annual Macmillan coffee morning (mustn't complain about more cake!), celebrating the magnificent achievements on the bell tower – hopefully you were there at some or all the events. The Bourtons is an amazing community to be a part of!

We enjoyed a fascinating look around the archaeological works taking place at Hanwell Castle too – incredible insight into the history of life during the 18th century.

Sorry to have to mention this again but sadly we appear to be having dog poo problems once more – thank you to those who do pick up after others. Did you know you can report dog fouling on FixMyStreet?

Don't forget to change your clocks before you go to bed on 28th October!

Sue

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Love to hear from you...

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Copy deadline: 17th of each month



Mug Decorating Workshop



This **Drop-in Workshop** will take place at Great Bourton Village Hall on **Saturday, 14th October** from 10am-12pm.

Come and decorate a white mug with special decals (transfers). Lots of designs available including Christmas images.

The mugs will have to be fired in my kiln and will need to be collected from

Longridge, Spring Lane, Little Bourton OX17 1RB

during the following week, dates and times will be discussed at the workshop.

Cost: £5 per mug

Please contact Jane Wimbury for more information:

07765 016642

cosycreativecrafts@hotmail.com



Bourtons' Gardening Club – Wed 4th October at 7:30pm in the Village Hall, when we welcome the first of our Autumn speakers - Craig Blackwell and his topic of "Wildflowers of the Cotswolds". We warmly welcome new members; if you are interested in joining the Gardening Club or would like some more information please email annbrooks100@gmail.com

Wed 1st Nov – guest speaker is Duncan Coombs "A Spring visit to Japan's Gardens and Countryside".

Bourtons' Music Society on **Wed 18th October** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Our theme this month is the 'Four Nations'. Within the Four Home Nations is a wealth of musical diversity. This is an opportunity for individual musical choices to showcase this. See what you can find. Bring your own drinks. Visitors, guests and prospective members are welcome to attend at £1.50 per person. This is an informal group who enjoy listening to recorded music together and new members are always welcomed from the Bourtons and beyond. For info contact Margaret on 01295 758519 or Paul on 01295 750596.

Fly the Flag, Light the Belfry – brighten the village, bring joy, mark a memory – recognise a family anniversary, birthday or commemoration (or anything else) by flying the Flag.

Flag OR Light (Flag AND Light in brackets)

£5(£8) per day/night £10(£16) - 3 days/nights £20(£25) for a week

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**THE BOURTONS'
COMMUNITY HALL**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will take place on

**Wednesday 18th October
2023**

at 7pm

Townsend Meeting Room
Bourtons' Community Hall

**MAGGIE's COMMUNITY
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**come for a cuppa, cake and
a chat!**

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Thanks to the support of Bourtons' residents over the last 4 years, the Bourtons' Wildlife Friendly Community is now able to offer FREE wildflower seed to everyone who lives in the parish.



Please contact Ann if you haven't got yours yet. If you have a good idea for something else that would enhance wildlife in the beautiful Bourtons, please get in touch. We now have a bit of funding available. Or you might want us to organise a bat walk next spring or do a moth survey this autumn all ideas gratefully received by the WFC working group. annbrooks100@gmail.com

Message from Bobbie Wolf-Brown...

Hear ye, hear ye!!!

The Bourtons' Macmillan coffee morning raised £1066, plus a further £220 through gift aid, for Cancer Support!!



That, in my humble opinion, is an AMAZING amount!!

A big THANK-YOU goes out to Dickie & Michelle Southam for hosting the event at The Dirt House ❤️❤️

Thank-you to the organising team and husbands (because I know they helped 😊):

Gilly Duckworth and Janet Bonham Lambert for organising the raffle!!

Clare Steans for organising the bookstall!!

Barbara Spicer for organising the decorations, setting up and the cake table!!

Amanda Gibbard Atherton for running the coffee stand!!

Thank-you to all of you who helped on the day, including Kay Jennings, who helped with the raffle and Maggie MacAngus, who helped on the cake table!!

You are all amazing!

Thank-you to everyone who donated raffle prizes, cakes and goodies of any sort! Thank-you to everyone who donated on-line. We're sorry you couldn't be there, but very appreciative of your donations.

And finally..... it wouldn't be an event at all without all the people who joined in on the day!! Thank you to everyone for coming along, donating and enjoying the coffee morning. We truly have a **WONDERFUL** community! You have done a great deed in raising so much money for a **FANTASTIC** cause!!

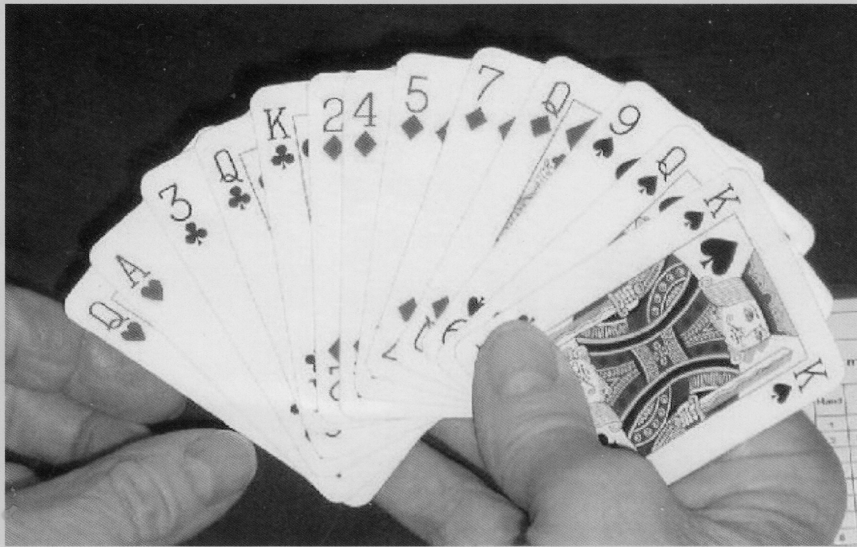
ps The JustGiving page is still open for donations, if you know anyone who wants to donate at the last minute ❤️

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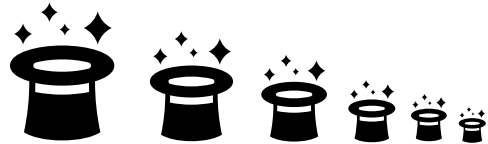
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THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday, 12th September 2023 at 19:30hrs

In attendance: Cllr Mrs S Upton (Chairman), Cllr Mrs G Duckworth, Cllr A Johnson, Cllr Mrs J Beales, DCllr P Chapman, Stephen Bowen (Clerk)

Apologies: Non received. **Declarations of Interest:** None

Public Participation: 7 members of the public attended.

Minutes: The previous Council meeting (July) minutes were reviewed and a change was made as requested by Chairman of the Village Hall (VH) Trustees; they were then approved for signature.

Item

Public Participation

2 groups of residents attended representing residents of Garners Field and the Trustees of the VH. The following points were raised and Council will formally respond in due course.

Garners Field residents: concerns were raised about the possibility of a bus stop on the Southam Road to enable passing Stagecoach buses (77 service) to stop and collect passengers, citing dangers to emerging traffic and pedestrians, visual intrusion and questioning the need for the bus service. Questions were asked about the management of the open space at Garners field - point 110 refers.

VH Trustees: following recent emails, concern was expressed that such correspondence was minuted, this was addressed and it was confirmed that all information requiring action by the PC must be dealt with in a transparent manner and in line with regulations with all matters being minuted. The issue of damp appearing in the VH was raised and the PC are organising 3 quotations for the necessary work in line with the financial regulations. Chairman will keep the VHMC committee informed of progress.

Footpaths - Progress Report

Report received of a partially blocked footpath connecting to the bottom of Mill Lane; this has been reported to OCC CAO and will be inspected to confirm if it is a landowner or OCC matter.

The footpath connecting South View to Main Street is partially blocked by an overhanging branch, this has been reported to our contractor and will be attended to this month. More thorough pruning of this path, which is not adopted by OCC will take place later in the year.

Residents have expressed concerns about the condition of the public footpath near the bus stop on Main Street and the junction with School Lane, used extensively by school children. This will be reported on FixMyStreet and contact made with the local Highways Inspector.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report

Council is pleased to see that the promised 20mph speed limit, replacing the previous 30mph zone has now been installed. Reports for the reinstatement of Junction road signage has been lodged. Concern was expressed that a couple of signs had been inappropriately sited and this will be discussed with OCC. It is now intended to re-introduce the Community Speedwatch project so that

monitoring of speeds can commence and we have three more volunteers for this.

Continued concerns being expressed about the work done by Voneus re broadband installation in GB; it was noted that there has been no similar issues in LB. Previously reported issues re verge damage has been addressed and the PC would like to record its appreciation of the efforts of Mark Burgess, OCC for his attendance and monitoring of this matter, which has been instrumental in achieving results. Council will formally write to him expressing our thanks for his support, particularly out of hours.

Public Transport:

Letter received from Ability CIC regarding final contribution from GF s106 funds towards provision of minibus service. Info required on performance of service prior to making final payment.

Planning applications:

New applications:

23/01929/F: Mr Curtis-Green, Manor House, Manor Road, GB: re land behind Mole End, Main Street, GB: development of 7 dwellings. Following consultation with planners advice received advising density should be increased: subsequently revised application submitted for 9 dwellings on smaller site. Further information required to enable proper consideration and response.
23/01244/F: Mr Sparrow, Kings Cottage, The Green, Main Street, GB: amendments to original application; further information required.

Decisions

23/1413/REM: Fernhill Estates: Claridge Gardens, GB: 2 dwellings, reserved matters: **PERMITTED**: concerns regarding outstanding flood risk management at site requires further information.

Conservation area potential application: PC await a response from the CDC Conservation Officer, repeated efforts have been made to establish contact, all unsuccessful. Request made to DCllr Chapman to assist.

County & District Councillors report:

CCllr Reynolds absent so no OCC update; DCllr Chapman participated in discussions on planning, no further info added.

Defibrillators:

Both defibrillators reported working, but require new batteries, quote requested and response awaited. Replacement cost is £199+VAT: order authorised.

Website:

New Bus timetables will be added.

Projects update:

Garners Field: comments made in public participation; transfer of land and LAP at front of site proceeding, but no update from CDC re progress, anticipated completion at year end. Request for maintenance of roadside hedge made and advised it is OCC responsibility, but PC mowing contractor will be asked to trim footpath side to allow unhindered use of path. Further request made regarding performance of current GF public open spaces:

Clerk advised this is responsibility of residents' management company and Ground Solutions, Council is keen that appropriate maintenance work is carried out but challenges exist in respect of funding. Council would be prepared to offer support to finding a resolution, but responsibility lies with residents.

Playgrounds & Public Spaces:

Following receipt of annual inspection reports and work schedule will be created and costs obtained.

GB Playground: further attempts will be made to contact owners of land to discuss potential renewal of lease which expires in 2026 to enable development of long-term plan to ensure provision of playground.

Allotments:

Allotment rent was discussed: it was **RESOLVED** that a rent increase would be required to cover existing and planned expenditure and this will be confirmed at the annual Tenants' meeting to be arranged for later this month. In preparation for Tenants' annual meeting an inspection of plots will be arranged with results presented at meeting.

Reports of rotting plot gate posts have been received, and Council recognises that work is required to maintain the standard of the site. This will be discussed at Tenants' meeting.

Halls:

VH: Trustees & Chairman attended meeting as reported above. Work to obtain quotes in respect of reported damp problem to be undertaken. A formal response to the issues raised in the public participation session will be made. The Chairman updated the meeting with details of recent repairs which have been completed.

Healthcare:

Following knowledge of concerns about the future viability of the Cropredy Surgery, discussions have been held with the practice partners re how this Council can assist in securing the future. A letter of support to the Surgery will be submitted and Council will liaise with other PC's in the catchment area advising of our concerns and asking for their support for the Surgery.

Finance & Administration:

The FIN REP was circulated and it was **RESOLVED** that the associated bank reconciliation be accepted and that 2 payments totalling £1,294.00 be approved. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

DWG Windows & Doors: repairs to Village Hall: £540.00

SW Services: August mowing: £754.00

The allocation of Fairport monies received from ticket sales was raised, and it was **AGREED** that in future the PC would publish its intention regarding use of these funds.

A new Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors has been published by OCC, and it was **AGREED** that this Council would adopt this, with Cllrs signing the Code to confirm their support.

The Clerk was pleased to be able to report that progress has been made in identifying a highly suitable candidate for this role and Council anticipates being able to announce an appointment at the October meeting, following acceptance of a contract by the individual.

Our insurers have confirmed the renewal premium for our policy which is subject to a 3 year long term agreement. This shows an increase of approx. 9% which has been queried; Cllrs **RESOLVED**, following a discussion on the increase, that renewal should be accepted.

The current Councillor vacancy was discussed and the Chairman reported that a potential candidate has been identified and it is hoped that discussions can be opened this month.

Correspondence:

Email received from OCC re new tree planting scheme which was discussed; in view of the difficulties in identifying a location for the recent new tree provided under a different scheme, it was accepted that finding a location for planting a small woodland would prove impossible at this time, the matter will be kept under consideration should a suitable location become available.

New business:

Following the refusal of the Vistry Homes application for 170 houses in Hanwell, the issue of a potential solar farm between Hanwell and Shotteswell remains a concern especially as the proposed 200 acre solar farm will be visible from Great Bourton. It was **AGREED** that Council would continue to maintain contact with Hanwell PC to understand what support may be appropriate, when any application is submitted.

Meeting closed at 21:35hrs. Minutes drafted by the Clerk on 13/09/23.

The next meeting will be held on 10th October 2023 in the Community Hall commencing at 19:30hrs.

Dawn 'til Dusk Landscapes

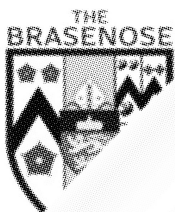
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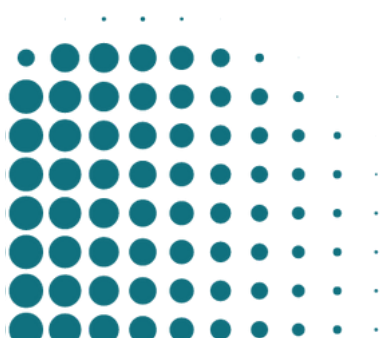
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Special events/what's coming up in
October:

Sat, 7th: Ocktoberfest – from 7pm, Ticket only (includes bratwurst sausage with fries and a pudding) £25 with stein/£20 without

Thurs, 12th Ladies film night, 7pm £5pp (contact Jo or Gilly)

Thurs, 26th Eyes down... Bingo! 7:30pm

Fri, 27th : Halloween party with DJ Geoff and fancy dress optional

Regular opening hours (food service hours in brackets) - for table or any other bookings please call 01295 758329 or 07921 512404

NB: Kitchen closed 7th–22nd October

Monday-Wednesday:	Closed - available for functions.
Thursday & Friday:	Open 4-11pm (4-8:30pm)
Saturday:	Open Noon-11pm (Noon-8:30pm)
Sunday:	Open 1-8pm (no food service)

Are you looking for a venue for your next event? Please do not hesitate to contact us.... we love a good party!

Banbury United Lottery Tickets available for £1

Diary dates:

November: 4th Race Night / 11th The Dodgers / 16th Bingo

December: 2nd Christmas Fair / 14th Bingo / 17th Carols / 22nd Quiz
23rd Leigh Chambes / 31st New Year's Eve party

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Shires' Edge Benefice - October

When:		Service:	Where:
1st Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Cropredy
	10 ^{am}	Family Harvest festival service	Wardington
	11^{am}	Holy Communion	Gt Bourton
	4:30 ^{pm}	Evening prayer	Claydon
8 th Sun	10 ^{am}	United Benefice Communion	Claydon
15th Sun	10 ^{am}	Seeker Service	Cropredy
		Family Communion	Wardington
	11^{am}	Sunday at All Saints	Gt Bourton
22 nd Sun	10 ^{am}	Morning worship	Cropredy
		Holy Communion	Mollington
29th Sun	10^{am}	Holy Communion	Gt Bourton
	6 ^{pm}	In Memory service	Cropredy

Please note that All Saints GB is open daily until the October clock change after which it will be open for services and morning prayer only. **Morning prayer 9am Mon Bourtons;** Tues Claydon; Wed Cropredy; Thurs Mollington; Fri Wardington. The Bourtons' bell tower is available for prayer and reflection.



Bourtons' goings-on... October

CH = Community Hall			DH = Dirt House		VH = Village Hall	
When			What		Where	
4 th	Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Gardening Club		VH	
7 th	Sat	7 ^{pm}	Oktoberfest		DH	
12 th	Thurs	7 ^{pm}	Ladies' film night		DH	
14 th	Sat	10 ^{am} -Noon	Mug Decorating Workshop		VH	
18 th	Wed	7 ^{pm}	Comm Hall AGM		CH	
		7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society		VH	
25 th	Wed	10:30 ^{am} -12	Community coffee morning		VH	
26 th	Thurs	7:30 ^{pm}	Bingo		DH	
27 th	Fri	7 ^{pm}	Halloween party		DH	
What's coming up... watch out for more info...						
1 st	Nov	Gardening Club guest speaker, 7:30pm VH				
4 th	Nov	Autumn Big Breakfast, Village Hall				
tbc		Loose change collection for BBC's Children in Need				
2 nd	Dec	12-4pm Christmas Fair, Dirt House - book your stall with Vicki v.leonardi@btinternet.com				