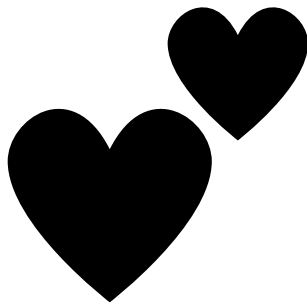


# BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

February 2024



## *Welcome ...*

Happy February! Thankfully that's dry January out of the way and we can get back to some normality although things are squishing together this year – Chinese New Year on 10<sup>th</sup>, Pancakes on 13<sup>th</sup> followed by Valentines, Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent on the 14<sup>th</sup> – that's not good planning 😊 ... and an extra day!

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This month we welcome a new advertiser from a new business in the Bourtons – Doggiestylez Grooming Studio; see back page for more info.

I'd also, on everyone's behalf, like to give a big appreciation shout out to the Broadsheet delivery team – rain or shine – it's dropped into letterboxes (it's a risky business as some boxes are quite fierce 😊). Thanks go to Bobbie, Doreen, Liz, Kate, Jane, Val, Carol, Clare, Maggie and Margaret and, in some cases, partners too! Thanks to Glenys (& Gareth) for collecting the printing, collating each copy and delivering bundles to the team.

Look forward to seeing you at Maggie's community coffee morning – 24<sup>th</sup> Jan and/or 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Gong xi fa cai - happy Chinese New Year – the year of the Dragon!

*Sue*

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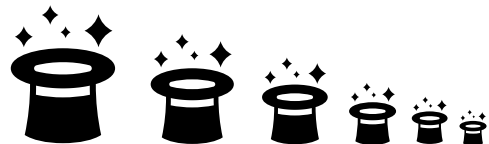


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**Bourtons' Music Society - Wed 21<sup>st</sup> February** at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The musical theme is 'I Remember First Hearing This'. See if you can find a piece of music you remember hearing for the first time and tell us your story associated with it. Bring your own drinks. Visitors, guests and prospective members are welcome to attend at £1.50pp. This is a small 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.

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**Maggie's community  
coffee morning**

Join us on **Wednesday,**

**28<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**10:30am-Noon** in the  
Village Hall

**Foodbank**

contributions may be left with  
Gina Cumming, Greenslade,  
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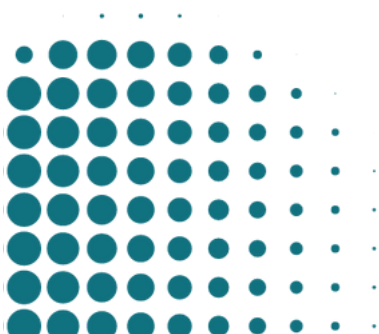
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## THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

**DRAFT** Minutes of the Council meeting held in the Village Hall on  
Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 19:30hrs

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**In attendance:** Cllr Mrs S Upton (Chair), Cllr Mrs G Duckworth, Cllr A Johnson, Cllr Mrs J Beales, CCllr G Reynolds, Stephen Bowen (Clerk), Rachel Pheasey (Responsible Finance Officer), Steve Martin (co-opted at this meeting);

**Apologies:** Cllrs Mrs G Brooks, DCllr P Chapman

**Declarations of Interest:** None declared

**Public Participation:** No public attendance.

**Minutes:** The previous Council meeting (November) minutes were reviewed and corrected [see below]; they were then approved for signature.

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**Co-option:** Further to the application received from Steve Martin, and consideration of his resume and references, Council unanimously **RESOLVED** that he be co-opted with immediate effect.

**Footpaths:** Email received from OCC CAO advising that she has visited The Stables site regarding a pig being loose within the site, the matter is subject to investigation.

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**Highways & Road defects - Progress Report:** The Community Speedwatch team now has 11 members, all trained, and with 5 qualified as co-ordinators. Official monitoring has now started with offenders being reported to Thames Valley Police. To date they have recorded 153 speeding cars in 11 sessions. The max speed recorded was 41mph in a 20mph zone.

A replacement Community Speedwatch sign has been ordered to replace the small one at the gateway on Main Street to make it more visible.

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**Public Transport:** The announcement re additional bus provision on the Southam Road has been delayed and should now be announced in February.

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### **Planning applications:**

#### **New applications:**

23/03428/OUT: Greystoke: warehouse estate development on A362 at M40 junction: Council has OBJECTED.

23/01339/Q56: Crockwell Farm barn conversion: announcement of appeal against refusal.

23/03575/F: Mrs Sockett, Old Manor Cottage, Manor Road, GB: demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey extension, plus new attic room and dormer window, solar panels on roof: Council will comment.

**Decisions:** No new decisions received.

**Community Plan:** the supporting data for our Plan is now almost complete and drafting is in progress. Council intends to hold a public meeting to present a draft of the Plan when complete so residents can review and comment. This is important as the Plan must represent the view of the Parish.

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**County & District Councillors' report:** A new Chief Executive for CDC has been appointed and started work at the beginning of January. The Council welcomes Mr Gordon Stewart and looks forward to meeting him. Work continues on the plan to relocate CDC offices from Bodicote HQ to the Castle Quay centre to be followed by the disposal of the former HQ site for possible housing development. No date has yet been confirmed for the relocation.

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**Website:** Review of pages on the site has indicated that additional ones would improve accessibility, work on this will begin. Updates of information will be uploaded to support the forthcoming internal audit and our statutory responsibilities under the Transparency regulations.

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**Projects update:**

**LB:** the posts for the new village sign are on the way finally and we hope to erect the sign very soon. Disturbing news has emerged that The Dirt House is to be put up for sale. Council is very sad to hear of this, in view of the support given to the pub since it's rebirth as The Dirt House and earnestly hopes that it will remain as a pub to be enjoyed by residents.

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**Playgrounds & Public Spaces:**

**GB Playground:** our lease on this playground expires in 2026 after a period of 21 years. Council will work to get a response from the Landowner to understand if a renewal can be negotiated. Much of the equipment is now approaching its end-of-life and we also need to start on planning for replacement which will be very costly. We therefore intend to create a fundraising and grant application plan, further details later in this year.

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**Allotments:** The Chair presented her update regarding the ongoing dispute with Castle Water re their outstanding invoices. A spreadsheet clarifying Councils' opinion as to our calculation of water consumed. We have replied in writing to their solicitors explaining our case again and await a response. Number signs have been ordered to make plot identification easier. Council plans to hold a Tenants' meeting probably in April, at the start of the growing season, to understand any issues, discuss maintenance, and any other matters. A date will be confirmed in February.

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**Halls: VH:** Damp issues/Roof repairs: Quotes have now been received and a considerable outlay will be required. Council are reviewing external funding opportunities, including fundraising and grants to support the cost. Following this research we will review and hope to be able to commission the required work later in the year.

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**Finance & Administration:** The FIN REP was circulated and it was **RESOLVED** that the associated bank reconciliation be accepted and that 7 payments totalling £2,327.10 be approved. Note that this was the first to be issued by our new RFO. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below :

Salaries (2 chq's) - £1662.90

HMRC - Staff PAYE £ 396.20

SLCC - annual membership £112.00

The budget for the coming FY, previously circulated, was discussed. Some numbers still require confirmation, but early indications are that a rise of circa 12% will be required in order to maintain services provided at their current level, due to inflationary increases experienced over the current year. It should be noted that the employment of an RFO has no impact on the budget, being funded by a reduction in the Clerk's hours. Further work will be done to identify any possible savings and the final budget will be presented at the

February meeting, when it must be agreed to comply with CDC submission deadline.

The budget spreadsheet/support doc was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that the proposed precept of £15,250 be implemented. The proposed change of bank from Barclays to Unity Bank was discussed and the RFO was asked to confirm the current application process and review the details of the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund. This information to be reported at the next meeting prior to implementing the change before the year end.

**Correspondence:** A communication received from CDC re Climate Change digital meeting was noted and Cllrs were asked to consider if they wished to attend and Cllr Duckworth and the Chair have both volunteered to log on. Council feels it needs to understand what is happening in other Parishes before determining its action plan.

An email has been received regarding the Good Neighbour Scheme, this was discussed and it was AGREED that we would review the list of those who offered support during the Covid pandemic and approach them to see if they would continue in that role to stay in contact with any vulnerable people in the Parish.

Meeting closed at 21:30hrs. The next meeting will be held on 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024 in the Community Hall commencing at 19:30hrs.

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At the meeting above, the Council reviewed the draft budget prepared by the Clerk and the RFO which recommended a precept (this is a tax, included within the local Council Tax, which enables Parish Councils to perform their function) increase for the forthcoming year of 12%.

This was principally caused by the high rate of inflation experienced over the past year which was above predictions.

The Parish also faces a number of challenges this year:

- essential repairs to the Village Hall roof and resolution of a damp problem recently reported by the Village Hall Trustees;
- ongoing issues experienced with the Parish clock in the Church bell tower which will need attention.

Council will be exploring grant opportunities to try and reduce the impact of these repairs on reserves.

We also recognise that replacement of some of the equipment in the GB playground will be needed within the next couple of years and so we are reluctant to deplete Parish reserves significantly.

The impact of this increase, which we understand sounds significant, is about 8p pw making the average precept charge about £44pa. This money funds activities such as public space grounds maintenance and includes the churchyard, burial ground, playgrounds, allotments and grass verge cutting (previously undertaken by OCC); plus dog bin emptying, Community Speedwatch programme, GB playground rent and the Bourtons' website. Our Parish Councillors volunteer and do not receive any remuneration for their services. Year-end accounts are published on the website at

[www.bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/](http://www.bourtons-cherwell-pc.gov.uk/parish-council/)



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**FEBRUARY**



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**MARCH**



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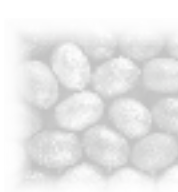
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Special events/what's coming up:

**Bingo date has changed from 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, to... \***

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**\* Thurs, 8<sup>th</sup> : Eyes Down for Bingo, 7:30pm \***

**Please note:** We will be closed from Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February  
re-opening on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February.

**Winter opening hours** (food service hours in brackets) - for table  
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9<sup>th</sup> Mar – Breast Cancer fundraiser Race Night;

21<sup>st</sup> Mar – Bingo;

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## Shires' Edge Benefice - February

When:		Service:	Where:
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	9:30 <sup>am</sup>	Family Communion	Cropredy
	<b>11<sup>am</sup></b>	<b>Sunday at All Saints</b>	<b>Gt Bourton</b>
11 <sup>th</sup> Sun	9 <sup>am</sup>	Holy Communion	Mollington
	10:30 <sup>am</sup>	Morning Worship	Cropredy
		All Age Worship	Wardington
	4 <sup>pm</sup>	Evening Prayer	Claydon
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Wed</b>	<b>7<sup>pm</sup></b>	<b>Ash Wednesday Holy Communion</b>	<b>Gt Bourton</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sun</b> First of Lent	10 <sup>am</sup>	Seeker service	Cropredy
	<b>11<sup>am</sup></b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Gt Bourton</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> Sun Second of Lent	9:30 <sup>am</sup>	Holy Communion	Wardington
	11 <sup>am</sup>	Morning Worship	Claydon
	6 <sup>pm</sup>	Evening prayer	Mollington

Please note that All Saints GB is open for services and morning prayer only until the clock change in March. Every Tues Noon is the Iona Communion service at Cropredy. **Morning prayers 9am Mon Bourtons**; Tues Claydon; Wed Cropredy; Thurs Mollington; Fri Wardington. The Bourtons' bell tower is available for prayer and reflection.



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Sue - Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane or  
Kate - Barnsend, Main Street.



## Bourtons' goings-on... February

CH = Community Hall		DH = Dirt House	VH = Village Hall
When		What	Where
7 <sup>th</sup> Wed	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Gardening Club	VH
8 <sup>th</sup> Thurs	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Bingo!	DH
13 <sup>th</sup> Tues	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Parish Council meeting	CH
21 <sup>st</sup> Wed	7:30 <sup>pm</sup>	Music Society	VH
28 <sup>th</sup> Wed	10:30-Noon	Community coffee morning	VH



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