

BROADSHEET

THE BOURTONS

March 2024



**Hurrah for British
Summer Time -
31st March 2024**

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Welcome ...

Have you seen the snowdrops on the church yard bank? Not quite as abundant as hoped but still very pretty and looks as though it will develop well.

As in previous years the church will be open daily from clock change and where you can read about the Bell Tower conservation project and also see the comments from all the 'snowdrop bank' supporters and the wonderful tributes made during the pandemic. It's a great testimony to the Bourtons' amazing community spirit and what has been achieved.

It was great to see so many at the Gardening Club recently - and Ann's how to 'Niff your roses' talk was fascinating! Initially I thought it a spelling error and that we were in for a more 'scented' evening...

Hopefully we'll see you at one or more of the services during Holy Week which starts on 25th March - busy time for Revd Sarah and her supporting clergy. Sarah is showing us different ways of worship and changing things around a bit and has an Easter Egg hunt planned for each church in the Benefice on Easter Sunday which will be fun!

With best wishes for March and the forthcoming holidays, enjoy it wherever you may be and see you at the Big Breakfast on the 9th (so glad I didn't give up bacon butties for Lent).



Sue



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Bourtons' Gardening Club – Wed 6th March at 7:30pm with guest speaker Harriet Rycroft "A Year in Pots – Tips and Ideas for keeping your container displays looking good all year around". If you are interested in joining the Gardening Club, or would like more information, please email annbrooks100@gmail.com

Bourtons' Music Society - Wed 20th March at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. The musical theme is 'MINE' - your interpretation of this theme could be Mine in the possessive sense, excavated or explosive! See what you can dig out. 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.

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.

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Message from Geoff Tyler... Chair, Village Hall Management Committee

Bourtons' Village Hall – Moving Forward

Your hall was opened in 1997 as a community asset and is owned by the Parish Council. It is a Charitable organisation and run by a Committee of trustees and volunteers.

- The trustees would welcome more forward-thinking members to join the Committee to support and develop the hall and its offerings.
- Over the years, the facilities have been improved, including a functioning kitchen (hob, oven, microwave, refrigerator, kettles, cutlery, crockery).
- The Committee considers the hall to be a 'Home from Home' which can be used for children's parties and larger family gatherings.
- The hall can accommodate up to 40 people seated at tables and 50 for a meeting.
- Full fibre Wi-Fi is available at no cost.
- The Committee are continually seeking ways to improve the hall.
- We have negotiated parking at the Bell Inn which hopefully will eventually have a future.
- The rates for the hire of the hall are competitive for the benefit of the communities we serve. Regular users of the hall are the Gardening Club, Music Society, and the Big Breakfast. For more information, please contact Maggie on 01295 750497.
- For those with internet access we are to trial an online booking system.
- Throughout the year the Committee is looking to organise more social events. The next being a Race Night with byo drink, if you are interested in this or joining the Committee, please contact:
 - email: geofftyler49@gmail.com
 - mobile: 07860 380342

Maggie's community coffee morning

Join us on **Wednesday,**

27th March 2024

10:30am-Noon in the
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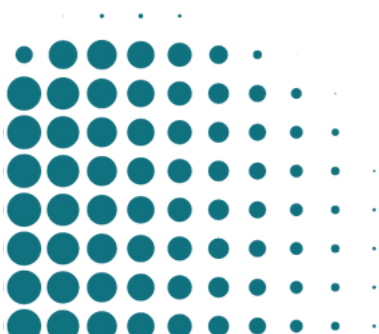
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THE BOURTONS' PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday, 13th February 2024 at 19:30hrs.

In attendance: Cllr Mrs S Upton (Chair), Cllr Mrs G Duckworth,
Cllr A Johnson, Cllr Mrs J Beales, Cllr Mrs G Brooks, Cllr S Martin,
DCllr P Chapman (part), Stephen Bowen (Clerk), Rachel Pheasey (RFO)

Apologies: CCllr G Reynolds. **Declarations of Interest:** None declared

Public Participation: None

Minutes: The previous Jan meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Footpaths:

The letter sent to the landowner of The Stables site regarding the condition of the public footpath remain unanswered and a second letter has been sent. OCC will follow this up later this month if no reply is received.

Highways & Road defects - Progress Report:

The Community Speedwatch team now has 12 members, including 5 co-ordinators and a minimum of 1 monitoring session per week is scheduled, this will be increased as Spring approaches and the weather improves. We have 8 approved locations and are investigating a further one in GB and in LB. The Council wishes to record its thanks to Mr Cooper, senior co-ordinator and all the team members for their excellent work.

Public Transport: Disappointing news has been received that due to budget cuts planned by OCC the public transport support budget has been reduced by £260k resulting in the opportunity for a further bus service for the Bourtons has been lost. Council is very concerned about this and will fully investigate the feasibility of creating a bus layby on the Southam Road to facilitate the current 77 service that passes, being able to stop.

Council has received advice that Ability, the minibus service provider has received a significant grant to be used to develop further services for disabled passengers and we look forward to receiving further details of new services.

Planning applications:

New applications: No new applications notified

Decisions: No new decisions notified

Conservation area application: information from CDC suggests that they are significantly behind their target to review new area applications and that it may well be the second half of the year before our request is addressed, and that there are several other applicants ahead of us. We will continue exploratory work so we are prepared when the assessment starts.

County & District Councillors report: No OCC update as apologies received from Cllr Reynolds. DCllr Chapman advised that the final CDC precept will be set at the end of February and he believes that significant cuts in 24/25 budgets have been largely avoided. However, he has serious concerns about the 25/26 challenge as there is no obvious space for further budget reductions, so a review of service provision may be required particularly as central Government have already flagged that they intend to take a larger

share of local business rates. He is also sure that little would be different if there is a change of party in Government.

Work continues on the plan to relocate CDC offices from Bodicote House to the Castle Quay centre. An offer for the current Bodicote House site has been received from a developer for housing but no date has yet been confirmed for the relocation, but this could be towards the end of the year. The move is essential to avoid significant refurbishment costs and limit operating costs as the current premises are too large for the staff numbers working on site.

Defibrillators: Both defibrillators working. Residents may be aware that the current LB location - The Dirt House pub - is up for sale and this could require a location review.

Website: New and updated pages have been uploaded to ensure we continue to meet our obligations under the Transparency regulations for local Councils. Council has been advised that the Government intend to modify the rules regarding accessibility for Council websites and this will be kept under review.

Projects update - LB: the location for the new village sign is to be reviewed with the local Highways Inspector so that installation can be completed.

GB Playgrounds & Public Spaces:

Garners Field LAP: the legal searches on the site have been completed and all appear to be in order. However, the physical boundary of the site remains unclear and CDC are enquiring of Hayfield Homes what was the boundary of the land they purchased for the development. This Council will not proceed until this matter has been resolved.

Allotments: Our dispute with Castle Water continues unresolved and we have now been advised that the solicitors appointed by CW have been terminated, so we are back to dealing with CW directly.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed tenants' meeting, but there does not seem to be much on the agenda. We will write to tenants outlining any issues and only hold a meeting if they significantly support the need.

Halls:

VH: Damp issues - a review of external funding opportunities is underway. Roof repairs - these will commence shortly. Oil tank cladding repair: this needs to be completed by an oil registered technician and is planned for the 27th February.

VH: An offer by Cllr Upton to develop a marketing plan for the VH has been accepted by the trustees and this was presented at their recent meeting. The trustees will discuss the plan and respond accordingly. The plan has identified that the VH is well suited for family and smaller local events.

Healthcare: It was noted that our letter to Victoria Prentis MP regarding our concerns about the long-term future of the Surgery has not received any response. It was AGREED that we should request a response.

Finance & Administration:

The FIN REP prepared by the RFO was circulated and it was **RESOLVED** that the associated bank reconciliation be accepted and that 7 payments totalling £894.62 be approved. To comply with the requirements of the Transparency Code those in excess of £100 are listed below:

CDC: brown bin licences - £294.00

JACS: post for LB sign - £138.00

Sign Wizzard: additional Community Speed watch signs - £246.51

Note that a cheque previously issued to DWG Windows for VH repairs has been lost in the post. It was **AGREED** that a new cheque be issued and this will be given to the company.

Council has previously **RESOLVED** to approach potential grant providers regarding the repairs to the Parish clock and this will start now; we have been provided with a substantial list of potential donors by Smith of Derby.

The 2024/25 precept request has been accepted by CDC.

A number of minor changes have been made to a few of our Policies, which have been circulated and it was **RESOLVED** that these be accepted, and they have now been uploaded to the website as required.

The Risk Assessment has been reviewed and some small adjustments have been made, this was previously circulated to Cllrs and it was **RESOLVED** that this be accepted.

Correspondence: An invitation to a Climate Change seminar was received from CDC and the Chairman attended. She reported that this Council is already doing most of the things recommended, but we will continue to consider all opportunities to further lower our carbon footprint. If any resident has any practical ideas these would be welcomed; please email the Chairman or Clerk.

New business: There was no new business to consider.

Meeting closed at 21:40hrs. The next meeting will be held on 12th March 2024 in the Community Hall commencing at 19:30hrs.

Message from Oxfordshire County Council:

If you have any questions about the following topics, please contact...

general enquiries: **01865 792422** or www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

Home Upgrade Grant - many residents are concerned about the cost of energy bills this winter and may be eligible for energy efficiency upgrades.

Cost of living support - OCC can offer financial support if you're in crisis or struggling with daily living expenses in Oxfordshire. Please share with loved ones and older relatives.

Early years childcare - starting in April 2024, existing childcare support is being expanded. This will be done in phases and will end in Sept 2025. Applications are now open for parents to apply.

Winter warmth - support is available to all residents to help them stay warm and independent in their homes.

Youth support - the Oxfordshire Youth Support service is here to support young people through difficult times.

Telephone Digital switchover - does this affect you or someone you know who may rely on their telephone for a service ie fall and motion detectors, lifeline or personal alarms?

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Please only donate items which are '**in
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Items are taken to the Banbury
 Foodbank

Thank you!

March...Down at the Dirt House

Little Bourton

**Dickie / Michelle / Vicki
look forward to welcoming you!**

What's coming up:



Sat, 9th : Race Night, 7:30pm

In aid of Breast Cancer Now.

The stables are open - buy yourself a horse for £2, choose a name and a race number (1-8) - use contact info below...*

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Thurs, 21st : Bingo - eyes down! 7:30pm

Sat, 30th : Live music from The Badgers, 9pm

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

Monday-Wednesday: Closed - available for functions.

Thursday & Friday: **Open 4-11pm** (4-8:30pm)

Saturday: **Open Noon-11pm** (Noon-8:30pm)

Sunday: **Open 1-6pm** (no food service)


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Shires' Edge Benefice - March

When:		Service:	Where:
1st Fri	4 ^{pm}	World Day of Prayer 	Cropredy
3rd Sun	9:30 ^{am}	Holy Communion	Cropredy
10th Mothering Sunday	11^{am}	All Age Worship	Gt Bourton
	10 ^{am}	Family Communion	Mollington
	10:30 ^{am}	Morning Worship	Cropredy
		All Age Worship	Wardington
	11^{am}	Morning Worship	Gt Bourton
	4 ^{pm}	All Age Worship	Claydon
17th Passion Sunday	10 ^{am}	Seeker service	Cropredy
	11^{am}	Family Communion	Gt Bourton
24th Palm Sunday	10 ^{am}	United Palm Sunday	Wardington
28th Maundy Thursday	7 ^{pm}	Maundy Thursday service	Mollington
29th Good Friday	2 ^{pm}	Reflections on the Cross	Cropredy
31st Sun Easter Day *egg hunt!	9:30 ^{am}	Family communion *	Cropredy
	11^{am}	Family service *	Claydon
		Family Communion *	Gt Bourton
		Family Communion *	Wardington
	6 ^{pm}	Songs of Praise *	Mollington

Please note that All Saints GB is open for services and morning prayer only until 31st March after which it will be open daily.

Every Tues Noon is the Iona Communion service at Cropredy.

Morning prayers 9^{am}: Mon Bourtons; Tues Claydon; Wed Cropredy; Thurs Mollington; Fri Wardington.

The Bourtons' bell tower is available for prayer and reflection.

All Age@All Saints: A fun and informal service for all-ages, with refreshments.

Family Communion: A service of holy communion, open to all, with refreshments and children's corner.



Annual partnership service with Cropredy Methodists. Each year a service is planned by Christian women in a different country around the world to share their hopes and fears, their faith and prayers, their music and culture.

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MARCH/
APRIL

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Bourtons' goings-on... March

CH = Community Hall		DH = Dirt House	VH = Village Hall
When		What	Where
6 th Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Gardening Club	VH
9 th Sat	9-11:30 ^{am}	Bourtons' Big Breakfast	VH
	7:30 ^{pm}	Race Night	DH
12 th Tues	7:30 ^{pm}	Parish Council meeting	CH
20 th Wed	7:30 ^{pm}	Music Society	VH
21 st Thurs	7:30 ^{pm}	Bingo	DH
22 nd Fri	3-5:30 ^{pm}	Tea	CH
	7:30-10:30 ^{pm}	Drop Inn	
23 rd Sat	8:30 ^{pm}	Earth Hour	! at Home !
27 th Wed	10:30-Noon	Community coffee morning	VH
30 th Sat	9 ^{pm}	Live music - The Badgers	DH
What's coming up... watch out for more info...			
23 rd June	Wildlife Day - 2-4:30pm		



Remember, remember... Please don't forget to cut the used stamps off your envelopes and save them for the British Hedgehog Preservation Society – stamps may be dropped in letterboxes at

Pauline - Alnecot, School Lane;
Sue - Mulberry Corner, Crow Lane or
Kate - Barnsend, Main Street

and...

after 31st March they may be left in the box in the Church porch.



Friends of All Saints Church

The Bourtons' Big Breakfast !



Saturday 9th March 2024

from 9am to 11:30am

in the Bourtons' Village Hall

(NOT the Community Hall)

Sausage

Bacon

Fried Egg

Black Pudding

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Baked Beans

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Tea/Coffee

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Juice (for children)



Everyone

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