

BOURTON AND DRAYCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting of May 9th 2016 at 8pm

Present- Cllrs Mesdames Blazeby, Morgan, Thomas, Walker, Cllr Wilson.

In attendance – Mrs Fennell, clerk.

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Election- Cllr Wilson, proposed by Mrs Walker, seconded by Mrs Morgan, and Mrs Morgan, proposed by Mr Wilson, seconded by Mrs Walker, were elected unopposed as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

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Chairmans' Report. Mrs Walker reported that the most significant event of the past year was Bourton being nominated as a preferred minerals extraction site .A working party was established and funds raised to mount opposition .No decision has been reached by WCC, quarrying is likely to happen, and the hope will then be that the restoration would be as a wetland .Meanwhile, although roads had flooded, no properties in the parish were affected. She thanked her colleagues for their support.

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Treasurers' Report. Mrs Fennell explained the finances, funds are satisfactory but not excessive. Spending was in line with previous years apart from grant funded purchase of a computer, which could not realise its' full potential with substandard broadband. The accounts were approved.

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There were no reports from village organisations.

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Open forum – no electors present.

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Apologies from Cllrs Roberts. No declarations of interest in the agenda.

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Minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read and signed correct- Matters arising- Green Earth Nurseries – Mr Parker, county forester, had suggested that County Highways erect a fence along the highway boundary to prevent fly tipping.

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Correspondence – Eon report on satisfactory street lamp inspection. RBC - do we want to mow our own verges and identify dog fouling? Both declined.

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Plans. Granted- Spinney Cottage extension, The Forge, outbuilding in garden. Also, garage conversion at Home Farm Barns, thought to be PD.

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Finance – ½ precept received. Accounts payable- 448 Eon street lamps £44.39. 449 Shearsby Computing £45. 450 Bourton village hall, room hire £15. 451 S Fennell salary, expenses & audit fee £607.82. 452 Eon street lamps £72.31. 453 WALC sub £95. 454 S Fennell expenses £23.33. 455. K Walton. Litter picking, £165. Mrs Blazeby queried the litter picking, which was unsatisfactory in Bourton. It was explained that it was a Draycote initiative, with occasional visits to Bourton, for which he was paid £50 a year. It was also explained that Eon send bills, for both power supply and street lamp maintenance.