

Bonsall Parish Council
Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th February 2020 at 7.30pm at
Bonsall Village Hall.

Chair of the Council: Cllr Mark Harris

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Minute No	Item	Action
18/02/1	Present Cllrs Addis Barry Grover Harris. Pountain and J. Smith, District Cllrs Pawley and Purdy, County Cllr Irene Ratcliffe, and Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO).Six members of the public.	
18/02/2	Apologies for Absence: Cllr S. Smith and Kath Potter Peak Park Parish Forum.	
18/02/3	Variation to the Order of Business: None	
18/02/4	Declaration of Interests: Cllr Harris declared an interest in the planning item concerning Bell House on the grounds of his friendship with the owners of the property and did not speak or participate in the decision.	
18/02/5	<p>Public Speaking:</p> <p>Bell House planning issue: the owner of the property spoke to explain the current planning status of work. It was their intention to rebuild the former wall using the old stone.</p> <p>Bonsall Arts Trail: the organiser Amanda Graham spoke to explain plans for the event on 4th/5th April. 66 artists were exhibiting; more host venues were needed. They were also seeking volunteers to marshall traffic and as first aiders; a minibus was running from Via Gellia and cones would be in place as for carnival and Open Gardens.</p> <p>Flooding in village: the owner of Cascades spoke about the impact of surface highway water joining the Bonsall Brook through Cascades over the previous two weekends. Photographs were displayed showing the scale of flooding. He said that despite annual dredging of the ponds and canal on the land the waterways could not cope with the volume occurring during recent flood events. The 2018 floods to the house had resulted in a large insurance claim, and the two recent storms had again threatened the safety of the house and occupants. The main problem on Sunday 7th February had been water from the Dale flooding onto the road as the culvert was blocked, then coming onto Cascades from the highway below the vehicle park. Water was no longer flowing along the top section of the road gully adjacent to the property due to tarmac height so was joining the Bonsall Brook on Cascades land. He said that he had reported these issues to the County Council and was seeking the help of the Parish Council in preventing further flooding of what was a significant business bringing visitors to the village.</p> <p>Cllr Ratcliffe said that at the last County Council meeting specific funding had been approved to help with Bonsall watercourses. She said that the County Council highways department had requested £20 million from the government to deal with the consequences of flood damage; Cllr Purdy said that he understood that this request had been refused. Cllr Purdy said that Derbyshire Councils were continuing to press the Floods Minister for funding to deal with problems since the events in November 2019; it was a problem of climate change meeting old Victorian infrastructure. Cllr Grover said that part of the problem was gully clearance of leaves; Cllr Purdy said that changes were being made to enable crews to respond immediately to requests for work. Cllr Pawley offered to help with dealing with flooding problems.</p> <p>The Chair said that this was an important priority for the Parish Council who were trying to do all possible to alleviate the risks of major flooding incidents (See further item 18/02/8 (h)).</p> <p>Faulty street light at the Park Bus Shelter: Cllr Ratcliffe said that she had been chasing progress on this; the work was not subject to the normal response time of one month imposed on Western Power because the lamp standard would need to be removed and a section of wall rebuilt. Cllr Ratcliffe said that this and similar issues where action was needed should be listed and raised at the Parish Council Forum on 30th March.</p> <p>Via Gellia trees and improvement works: Cllr Ratcliffe said that she had met with the</p>	

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	<p>Cabinet member for Highways Cllr Spencer and explained the concerns of the Council. Again she said that these issues could be raised through the Parish Forum.</p> <p>17 Church Street planning application: a member of the public asked about the outcome of the planning application; the Clerk said the decision was now on the District Council website and that it had been approved with conditions relating to parking.</p>	
18/02/6	<p>Minutes of the last meeting: The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2020.</p>	Clerk
18/02/7	<p>Chair's Announcements: none</p>	
18/02/8	<p>VILLAGE MATTERS</p> <p>Slinter Top Quarry update: the County Council had confirmed that the existing planning permission would expire on 31 December 2021, with all remedial works to be completed by 31 December 2032. The works to construct an access road which had been approved as emergency works should be completed in the next twelve months. A complaint from a member of the public of loud noise from the quarry on 7th February was reported. Noted.</p> <p>a) Park transfer: the Parish Council's legal adviser reported that the District Council had said that legal issues were almost finalised, and so completion in next few weeks was likely. The Clerk said that he would keep pressing for this to be concluded; noted.</p> <p>b) Park: Risk Assessment: a group had met prior to the meeting to discuss this; agreed in principle to adopt the generic risk assessment that the insurance company had provided to be used for events such as the carnival. Biannual inspections of the land were proposed for the first year that it was managed. The group would meet again on 17th March to finalise recommendations. Noted.</p> <p>c) Vehicle park: the Council received the report from the working group meeting of 4th February. The Council confirmed adoption of the main recommendations as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trailer use: since the last meeting H. Strange were no longer using the vehicle park as it was understood that they had been advised by the Traffic Commissioner's that they needed to move. Agreed that Clerk and Chair would contact H. Strange to explain that this did not reflect the Parish Council position on use of the vehicle park, and to see whether there was a way forward that would allow further use while meeting the requirements of the Traffic Commissioners. - Insurance issues: the insurance company had confirmed cover for the park and vehicle park (including lorry/trailer use); - Storage for carnival and well-dressing equipment: There was concern that a container on the park could be unsightly and difficult to screen; the question was asked as to whether another storage location could be found. The option of a building on the vehicle park was discussed which again raised planning issues and possible need for consent from the Diocese as landlord. The views of a member of the public opposing a container on the site and suggesting reinstatement of a building along the lines of the old village hall were reported. Agreed that unless an alternative site could be found, to seek informal advice from DDDC planning on implications for a 30ft container or similar sized building, and then review the issue further. - Improvement works / Resurfacing: agreed that regrettably the work could only proceed once the Parish Council had acquired the land, which was being delayed by the legal process; - Walling: it was agreed to seek quotes repairs to the road wall along the length of the park, and for a return curve for the entrance to the vehicle park to incorporate an honesty box and vehicle park sign; 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wild flowers: confirmed that planting on the bank would be done; - Long term parking of cars/vehicles camper vans/caravans: noted that allocation of any permits for longer term use would need to be done by an open process; - Suggested Charges: there was further discussion on the £400 permit charge previously put forward for camper vans/caravans, and whether it should be increased. Agreed to review again and check comparable commercial charges to ensure that this provided a proper return for the Council; - Unauthorised Car parking longer term: it was agreed that there would need to be an enforcement process to manage unauthorised long term parking, coupled with signage. To be discussed further as part of preparing details of terms and conditions to go on a notice board and permits. - Resident overnight parking: agreed that nothing should be done to discourage free use for overnight parking by residents seeking to avoid on-street parking. <p>d) Burial Ground Consecration: thanks were recorded to the Diocese and the Bishop of Repton for the consecration service on 6th February, and the help of the PCC with the event on the day and to Mick Biggin for preparing the land.</p> <p>e) Maintenance of WC's and transfer: there had been no progress on the transfer; it was agreed if necessary to employ a contractor to remedy the blockage problem.</p> <p>f) Churchyard trees: the Clerk reported that some of the remaining trees above Ragcroft had been removed by the District Council; the remainder were due to be dealt with by the end of the month. Noted.</p> <p>g) Via Gellia Trees: the problem of dangerous trees which had led to a road closure Sunday 16th February were discussed. it was agreed to write to the Project Manager for the Via Gellia improvement works to ask for details of the plan for managing this.</p> <p>h) Culvert survey and flooding: the concerns of various residents of High Street Yeoman Street and Clatterway following the previous two weekend's events were reported and discussed. The culvert survey that had been prepared for the County Council was welcomed, although it was noted with concern that there was no timetable for dealing with the problems it identified.</p> <p>The importance of this for the village was emphasised, and it was agreed to (1) ask the County Council Flood Team for their plans for dealing with the culvert problems; (2) for information on the recent funding approved for the village; (3) to send them details and photographs to illustrate the scale of the recent flood events, and to ask if formal flood reports were needed; (4) to ask the Flood Team/ Highways to address the problem of surface water not reaching the road gully below the vehicle park alongside Cascades, and the impact on Cascades and other properties; (5) to address the drainage problem at Nether Green; (6) to seek a response to the previous request for work to reduce the highway level on Yeoman Street; (7) to arrange a working group meeting to implement a Flood Warden Scheme for the village, and seek volunteers for membership.</p> <p>i) Black Tor Road highway issues: in response to a request from a member of the public it was agreed to (1) investigate ownership of the mirror at the Black Tor road/ Clatterway junction and purchase a replacement if necessary; and (2) to report to the County Council a water run-off problem at Briars Inn Farm causing bank erosion.</p> <p>j) Moorlands Lane signage: the Council considered a report and photographs from a member of the public showing a 4 x 4 vehicle lodged between the lane walling at the lower end of Moorlands lane. It was agreed that Cllrs Harris and Addis would visit the site to see whether signage could be put at the western end of the lane to deter use.</p> <p>k) Bonsall Arts trail 4th-5th April: the arrangements for the Arts Trail were noted. It was agreed to publicise the request for venues first aiders and marshalls via Mutterings.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs Addis & Harris</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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