

Bonsall Parish Council
Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2019 at 7.30pm at
Bonsall Village Hall.

Chair of the Council: Cllr Mark Harris

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Minute No	Item	Action
17/09/1	Present Cllrs Addis Grover J Smith and S Smith, and Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO). District Cllrs Pawley and County Cllr Irene Ratcliffe. Five members of the public.	
17/09/2	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Barry Harris and Pountain, and District Cllr Purdy.	
17/098/3	Variation to the Order of Business: it was agreed to take the planning item number 17/09/10 (DDDC High hedge complaint) immediately after Chair's Announcements.	
17/09/4	Declaration of Interests: None	
17/09/5	<p>Public Speaking</p> <p>Previous meeting: a member of the public expressed concern at the response that he had received from the Chair at the previous meeting in relation to lorry parking on the vehicle park, and expressed his view that the manner of the response (and on another issue concerning another member of the public) was not appropriate. Cllr Addis, in the Chair for this meeting, said that the comment would be passed on.</p> <p>District Council Climate Emergency action: Cllr Pawley reported that following the declaration by the District Council of a climate emergency a group had been set up by the Council to report on work to be undertaken; the first action was an arrangement with a company (Chargemaster UK) for eight electric vehicle charging points in Bakewell car park; eight at the Edgefold car park in Matlock and one in Wirksworth. Also Matlock illumination lights had been changed from LED (0.5w) from previously 15 watt. A report on further work was due September/October.</p> <p>Via Gellia: Cllr Ratcliffe reported that the timescale for the work had been deferred and that she was working to ensure local input into the scheme. A recent tree fall in the Via Gellia had been met with a less than satisfactory response and had been dealt with by local residents/landowners; the County Council were reviewing their procedures. A member of the public commented how ash dieback was affecting the Via Gellia generally which would lead to more tree fall. Cllr Ratcliffe said that any requests for work from the highways capital and maintenance programme needed to be submitted by the end of next month.</p> <p>Hedge complaint (item 17/09/10): Leigh Johnson said that he was not making any submission on this issue but that he wished to reserve the right to comment in future on the statement that had been circulated; he asked whether that statement would become part of the Parish Council records, and the Clerk confirmed that it would not.</p>	
17/09/6	Minutes of the last meeting: The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 20 th August 2019.	Clerk
17/09/7	Chair's Announcements: the Chair reported an email from Kay Ogilvy and Loreen Elliott thanking the Parish Council for the provision of the public notice board at the Fountain.	
	<p>VILLAGE MATTERS</p> <p>a) Slinter Top Quarry update: Cllr Grover said that complaints of noise had generally been increasing recently; there was no progress on the planning application. Noted.</p> <p>b) Park transfer: the Clerk reported that the plan of land to be managed by the District Council did not appear to include the swing and slide, and the Council had been asked to rectify this and in the meantime completion of the lease was delayed. Noted</p>	Clerk

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17/09/8	<p>c) Bandstand in the park: this item was deferred to the next meeting to enable Cllr Barry to comment on the proposal.</p>	Clerk
	<p>d) Churchyard (1) removal of trees: the Clerk reported that the bat survey report (circulated) showed low risk, and that the work in the Parish Council area was now scheduled to be carried out by Valley Landscapes in October. The District Council had not yet engaged a contractor for their part of the work, and the Clerk had suggested that they use Valley Landscapes in order to save time. (2) PCC shed: at the request of the PCC this item was deferred. (3) Churchyard extension: the Clerk reported that he was trying to arrange a meeting with the County Council officer dealing with this, and a date of 14th October had been put forward; noted.</p>	Clerk
	<p>e) WC transfer: the Clerk explained that the District Council had said that they were not able to release grant money for maintenance until the Tenancy at Will was signed. The signing had been delayed because the Parish Council had been unable to get insurance cover for the excess of £10,000 that the District Council had said would be payable by the Parish Council under the Terms of the Tenancy at Will in the event of a claim on their insurance. The Council's insurers had said that this payment would not in fact be due under the terms of the lease, so was uninsurable. After discussion was agreed to proceed with the Tenancy at Will as drawn.</p>	Clerk
	<p>f) White Low mine motocross: further to minute 20/08/08(k) of the last meeting the Peak District National Park had advised that in accordance with normal procedures any enforcement action would be authorised by Council officers and not referred to a Park Authority committee. Consequently Parish Council representation was not required. There was no further progress to report at present on the enforcement action itself. The Chair reported that he had received a further complaint from an Uppertown resident about weekend activity. The position was noted.</p>	Clerk
	<p>g) Highway signs: the response of the County Council to the request for repainting of signs was discussed. It was noted with thanks that the Clatterway signs were to be repainted, but that the request for repainting of the slow signs at the upper entrance to the village had not been addressed, and it was not clear whether the sign near the vehicle park was to be reinstated. Agreed that the County Council should be asked to clarify whether that work was being undertaken, and the offer of support from Cllr Ratcliffe in getting that done was welcomed.</p>	Clerk
	<p>h) DCC Flood report: further to minute 16/07/8(g) of the July meeting, the Clerk reported that the County Council had begun consultation with landowners prior to the undertaking the culvert surveys. After discussion it was agreed to submit the following final comments on the report to the County Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The report needed to address further the question of adequacy and capacity of the combined sewers; • A programme of more frequent gully maintenance to prevent recurrence needed to be implemented; • The report identified the highway surface height on Yeoman Street as a contributory factor to property flooding, and the Parish Council wanted to know what action the County Council was proposing to take to address that problem. 	Clerk
	<p>i) Website: the Council considered two proposals that had just been received from the website designer for changeover of the website to a new more accessible system. It was agreed to take Option 1, for setting up a new development server for a Wordpress site, at a cost of £350.</p>	Clerk
	<p>j) Ward review Boundary Commission: after discussion it was agreed to write to the Boundary Commission to express the preference of the Parish Council for retention of the current Masson ward representation by two District Councillors. This was on the basis that the current system allowed good representation and support for the work of the Parish Council, and that having two Councillors enabled mutual cover to be provided on local issues, whereas a single Councillor would be less able to similarly represent the interests of the Parishes and populations within the ward.</p>	Clerk

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17/09/9	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Payments received: none.</p> <p>b) The monthly Statement/ Annual Accounts: the statement for period 5 detailing income and expenditure to 05 September 2019 were approved.</p> <p>c) Annual audit by PKF Littlejohn LLP: the report of the external auditor confirming successful audit outcome was circulated and noted; the report was now available for public inspection on the website or on request to the Clerk.</p> <p>d) Transfer of bank account: the Clerk reported that the application stage of the transfer had been completed and final transfer documentation had just been received. The position was noted.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="312 568 1386 992"> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>A Payne</td> <td>£399.45</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>P Spencer</td> <td>£200.40</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>M Biggin</td> <td>£138.26</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>R Allsopp</td> <td>£95.00</td> <td>WC cleaning</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Derbyshire Dales</td> <td>£193.22</td> <td>Election costs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>PKF Littlejohn LLP</td> <td>£240.00</td> <td>Audit fee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1809</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£728.40</td> <td>PAYE Q2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>Information Commissioner.</td> <td>£40.00</td> <td>Data fee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>PigeonTech</td> <td>£98.00</td> <td>Website fee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>E.ON (Park)</td> <td>£21.38</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> </table>	Online	A Payne	£399.45	Salary/expenses	Online	P Spencer	£200.40	Salary/expenses	Online	M Biggin	£138.26	Salary/expenses	Online	R Allsopp	£95.00	WC cleaning	Online	Derbyshire Dales	£193.22	Election costs	Online	PKF Littlejohn LLP	£240.00	Audit fee	1809	HMRC	£728.40	PAYE Q2	DD	Information Commissioner.	£40.00	Data fee	DD	PigeonTech	£98.00	Website fee	DD	E.ON (Park)	£21.38	Electricity	Clerk Clerk Clerk
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17/09/10 17/09/11	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DDDC high hedge complaint re 20 Church Street: The Clerk advised that the District Council had confirmed that the planning issue for the Parish Council to consider in this case was the impact on the character of the conservation area of the existing hedge, or of any potential reduction in the hedge height that might be ordered by the District Council. The Clerk advised that any other issues should be disregarded as not being material, including the question of whether it should be cut down for the benefit of the neighbour, or whether it was classified as a hedge, which were issues for the District Council to determine. The District Council had power to require the hedge to be reduced in height to a minimum of 2 metres from ground level, but the actual height reduction that could be ordered could be less than that. <p>After discussion, it was agreed to submit the following comment to the District Council: the Parish Council did not consider that there was a significant impact on the Conservation Area of the existing tree/hedge growth, nor would there be significant impact of any potential reduction in height that might be ordered, unless that reduction was such as to cut the vegetation at a low level so as to leave stumps or lack of shaped tree/hedge structure.</p> <p>k) NP/DDD/0819/0900: Valley View Leys Lane Slaley: to install a bunded oil tank (1250EHLB) 760mm from boundary fence: after discussion it was agreed to make no objection to this application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> East Midlands Airport airspace comments to the EMA Airspace review; it was agreed to make no comment on this review. 	Clerk Clerk Clerk																																								
17/09/12	Items for Information: DALC Circulars: Circular 11/19																																									
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