

Bonsall Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th November 2016 at 7.30 pm at
Bonsall Village Hall.**

Present: Clls Harris, Richardson, Grover, Barry, Hewitt, Addis, Pountain. Mrs C Rawas (Clerk), Mr T Payne (RFO). DCC Cllr Ratcliffe; DDDC Cllr Pawley; 1 member of the public.

Minute No	Item	Action
15/11/1	Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from: DDDC Cllr Purdy	
15/11/2	Variation to the Order of Business - None	
15/11/3	Declaration of Interests – None	
15/11/4	Public Speaking Christmas trees: query about ensuring Mick Biggin, Leigh Johnson and Mike Lynch are all credited for their contribution to the Christmas tree going up at the Cross. Crime: 3 attempted burglaries on the same property have been reported in the Village, these seem to be taking place overnight. Councillors urge all resident to be vigilant. NHS ward closures: Cllr Pawley: the Clinical Commissioning group are holding another round of consultations. Dog fouling at the bottom of the mount (footpath 46) Add to Mutterings – please be considerate and careful about cleaning up after your dog as footpath number 46 from the Mount on High Street particularly bad at the moment. Leaves on Clatterway: report to DCC Highways. Footpath and Church steps: Cllr Ratcliffe reported that repairs are underway. Bus consultation – several representations received from Bonsall. DCC are investigating ways to meet these needs and balance the requirements of the budget. Better deals with the bus companies are being negotiated. A pilot project is being set up around Ashbourne and Wirksworth around transport on demand with Community Transport providers – a dial a ride service. Yellow lines will be installed at Water Lane in Cromford in December.	
15/11/5	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Approved The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 18 th October 2016.	Clerk
15/11/6	Chair’s Announcements: None	
15/11/7	VILLAGE MATTERS a) DCC regarding Street light on Uppertown Lane (following the email from Ray Holmes in June 2016 – Cllr Barry) Cllr Barry proposes that he write a response asking for a chance to examine the reasoning behind turning the light off before any	

	<p>moves are made to remove the lamp column Cllr Barry suggests that LED lights would be more cost effective and would mean that the light could be turned on at minimal cost.</p> <p>Cllr Harris reminds the meeting that DCC have already stated that the light could be reinstated only if there is evidence of accident history or increase in crime.</p> <p>Suggestion to re-visit residents of Uppertown to collect data on incidents. Cllr Barry will create a form to ensure the same information is being provided by residents.</p> <p>Cllr Ratcliffe suggests that the green agenda for street lighting is very firm and unlikely to be overturned without a clear case.</p> <p>Cllr Ratcliffe offered to speak to Ray Holmes and try to set up a site meeting with Cllr Barry. Liaise with new Clerk over the production of the letter to Ray Holmes once appointed.</p> <p>b) Memorial bench request Leys Lane Slaley – All in favour</p> <p>c) Park Lease update and next steps – Clerk/All – nothing back on terms from Savills or any further progress from Diocese.</p> <p>d) Road signs update - Clerk</p> <p>Pounder Lane street sign location is now causing a problem because residents feel that there should also be sign pointing to Pounder Lane from High Street rather than just a street sign. Councillors will familiarise themselves with the situation and discuss at the next meeting if more signs need to be requested in the village.</p> <p>Bankside, residents believe that the error was made in 1997 when the Bankside Sign was installed.</p> <p>The Parish Council have pursued the issue with DDDC who state the Street Numbering and Naming department agree it's called Bankside.</p> <p>Cllr Addis will now take this issue up with residents as an individual rather than a Councillor and consider options such as a petition to change the road name.</p> <p>e) Church yard footpaths update / gravestone issues –Cllr Harris</p> <p>There is a headstone currently tied to a tree and needs to be made safe. The Clerk has arranged a site meeting with Colin from Petts to look at options which will be presented back to Council.</p> <p>Council agreed to delegate responsibility to the RFO and voted to authorise him to make payment for emergency remedial works to the headstone on receipt of appropriate estimates and after consultation with all Councillors by email. It was noted that this work was being done by the Parish Council without accepting liability for further works or other responsibility for the churchyard.</p> <p>The Parish Council are in the process of setting up meetings with the PCC and Diocese to clearly establish areas of responsibility within St James Churchyard. Ensure Phil Addis is included on email to Phil to set up meeting.</p> <p>f) Clerk vacancy update – Cllr Harris/Clerk position advertised through village. Deadline Friday 18th. Interviews to be held next week Cllrs Barry, Grover, Pountain, Richardson, Addis volunteer if required.</p> <p>g) RFO / Clerk Job descriptions – Cllr Harris reported that the Clerk has provided new job description for the role. RFO will provide updated version of his own.</p> <p>h) Cleaning of the Toilets – complaint that toilets not cleaned very well. Advertise in Mutterings. Clerk to draft letter of thanks to Rachael.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Cllr Barry</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk /RFO</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Harris</p> <p>RFO</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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15/11/8	<p>a) The Current and Business Account Bank Statements for October were approved and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>b) Accounts for payment a schedule showing the following cheques /Direct Debits was approved, and the cheques were signed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="261 398 1342 853"> <tr><td>No. 1705</td><td>C Rawas</td><td>£248.03</td><td>Salary</td></tr> <tr><td>No.1706</td><td>A Payne</td><td>£100.39</td><td>Salary</td></tr> <tr><td>No 1707</td><td>P Spencer</td><td>£137.75</td><td>Salary</td></tr> <tr><td>No 1708</td><td>M Biggin</td><td>£96.48</td><td>Salary</td></tr> <tr><td>No 1709</td><td>L Johnson</td><td>£144.82</td><td>Salary</td></tr> <tr><td>No 1710</td><td>Royal British Legion</td><td>£50.00</td><td>Wreath and donation</td></tr> <tr><td>No 1711</td><td>Rachael Richardson</td><td>£115.50</td><td>WC cleaning</td></tr> <tr><td>DD</td><td>E.On (Park)</td><td>£9.50</td><td>Electricity</td></tr> <tr><td>DD</td><td>E.On Cross)</td><td>£27.87</td><td>Electricity</td></tr> <tr><td>DD</td><td>Pigeontech</td><td>£20.40</td><td>Website domain</td></tr> <tr><td>DD</td><td>Pigeontech</td><td>£95.00</td><td>Website maintenance</td></tr> </table> <p>c) Payments received: two cheques for £30.00 each in respect of memorial fees (Atkinson and Millward) had been received.</p> <p>d) The monthly Statement for period 7 detailing income and expenditure to 04 November 2016, which had been previously circulated to Councillors, was approved.</p> <p>The Council considered the budget position against income and expenditure to date as shown in the account statement for the month and the transactions agreed at the meeting. The Council assessed risk in relation to the Council's financial standing and systems, and were satisfied that there were no issues presenting risk that required attention or further action at the present time.</p>	No. 1705	C Rawas	£248.03	Salary	No.1706	A Payne	£100.39	Salary	No 1707	P Spencer	£137.75	Salary	No 1708	M Biggin	£96.48	Salary	No 1709	L Johnson	£144.82	Salary	No 1710	Royal British Legion	£50.00	Wreath and donation	No 1711	Rachael Richardson	£115.50	WC cleaning	DD	E.On (Park)	£9.50	Electricity	DD	E.On Cross)	£27.87	Electricity	DD	Pigeontech	£20.40	Website domain	DD	Pigeontech	£95.00	Website maintenance	
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15/11/9	<p>Planning: To consider planning applications received: None</p> <p>Memorials For Dorothy Millward. Simon Atkinson – Approved</p>																																													
15/11/10	<p>Items for Information: DALC Circulars</p> <p>Clerk: at the close of the meeting the Chair presented a gift to Catherine Rawas at her last meeting as Clerk, and thanked her on behalf of the Council for her work for the village during her time in post.</p>																																													
15/11/11	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 20th December at 7.30pm</p> <p>Sub – committees/working groups: Policy meeting 20th December at 6.45pm</p>																																													

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