

**Bonsall Parish Council**

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Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm at Bonsall Village Hall.

**Prior to the meeting Councillors appointed Mike Richardson and Phil Addis to the casual vacancies on Bonsall Parish Council.**

**Cllr Henderson tendered his resignation as a Councillor effect from the end of the meeting. The Casual Vacancy created by his resignation will now be advertised.**

**Present: Cllrs Harris, Henderson, Pountain. Cllr Richardson, DCC Cllr Ratcliffe, 3 members of the public.**

Minute No	Item	Action
1	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Apologies were received from: Kath Potter, Cllr Purdy Cllr Hewitt, Cllr Williams. Phil Addis had also tendered apologies in advance and will be contacted following the meeting to sign his papers	
2	<b>Variation to the Order of Business</b> No variations were requested	
3	<b>Declaration of Interests</b> There were no declarations of interest on any items on the agenda.	
4	<b>Public Speaking</b> Leigh Johnson on the subject of storage for Carnival equipment. Previously have requested a storage facility on the Village Hall Playground but for planning they needed a stone building which wasn't affordable. Mark Sobey who echoed the request and added the thanks for the facilities offered by various residents in the Village. Suggest that it could be stored in the Park Bottom. Reasonably long term solution. To be added to the agenda for March. Cllr Pawley is going to talk to planners for Carnival Committee and reminds everyone that there is a local projects fund which may help to fund the project.  Cllr Barry re-iterated his thanks to Cllr Ratcliffe for her work clearing High Street. The work continues to discover the cause of the flooding.	
5	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b> To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on the 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2016 The Chair to sign the minutes of the meetings. Approved	
6	<b>Chair's Announcements:</b>  <b>Churchyard inspection February 2016</b> – Headstone on the bottom path. Very large headstone on the left as you leave the bottom of the Churchyard – tied to a tree by a climbing rope. The ground may move and give way onto the footpath. Headstone can't be moved by people.  <b>Wirksworth Rotary Club</b> request for areas they can help with in Bonsall Meeting and meal on 17 <sup>th</sup> March Cllr Harris to attend.	
7	<b>Village Matters: Public Toilets:</b> Update from Clerk Strange's to be contracted to fit the locks. All in favour  <b>Park Bottom Working group</b> – update Cllr Harris Dry stone walling is imminent. Roses have been bought. Gate due to be collected and dropped to Peter Spencer.	

Cllr Hewitt to ask for a quote for additional topsoil from Jon Rickards.

Sign: Cllr Barry to find examples of signs and arrange permission from DCC

**Benches for Uppertown and the Top of the Dale:** To discuss and determine a budget for the benches... Deferred to March meeting

**Bonsall Burial Ground:** To consider setting up a working group who will take responsibility for investigating the current position and future plans.

Ask at Annual Parish Meeting what do residents want- do they want to continue to have a burial ground open in the village.

**Street Signs and Map:** To receive information and progress from Cllr Henderson on village signage Helen Carrington agreed with the report presented by Cllr Henderson and will provide feedback on which can be provided.

**Village Christmas Trees 2016:** A 'Christmas Tree Co-ordinator' be appointed for Bonsall. Cllr Barry proposes that he be appointed to the role.

Cllr Barry aims to get free Christmas trees throughout the village. Would like to hear from anyone who has been involved in the past. All in favour.

**Street Lights** Are residents happy with their street light provision? would they like the lights on longer at night? what are the cost implications? Who would be liable for the cost? Cllr Barry proposes that the Parish Council research the issue. Cllr Barry to contact Ray Holmes Issue to be put on Annual Parish Meeting agenda

Street Light reported by Mark at Christmas still not repaired.

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**Finance**

- a) **The Current and Business Account Bank** Statement for January was approved and signed by the Chair.
- b) **Accounts for payment** a schedule showing the following cheques /Direct Debits was approved, and the cheques were signed:

No. 1646	Forest Centre	Garden	£71.94	Plants for Park
No.1647	C Rawas		£233.28	Salary
No 1648	A Payne		£233.94	Salary & Expenses
No 1649	P Spencer		£162.95	Salary & Expenses
No 1650	DALC		£	Subscription
DD	E.ON		£29.86	Electricity (Park)

- c) **Payments received:** Burial fee re B.Tomlinson £300; VAT claim £796; churchyard claim £1046.
- d) **The monthly Statement** for period 10 detailing income and expenditure to 05 February 2016 which had been previously circulated to Councillors was approved.
- e) **Big Theatre grant application:** Cllr Harris outlined the options available in the light of Big Theatre being unable to comply with the grant conditions, the option of Big Theatre reapplying next year when they would be able to advertise the availability of the funding for the subsidised place to all village children rather than just those who are already attending.

<b>9</b>	Planning – none received	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY:</b>  Documents can be inspected and enquiries made either prior to or immediately following a meeting.</p> <p>a) DALC Circulars</p>	
<b>11/15/14</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meetings</b>  Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm in Bonsall Village Hall. Agenda items to the Clerk by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2016</p>	

Signed .....