

BONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF BONSALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 21st MARCH 2006 AT BONSALL VILLAGE HALL.

158/2006/MARCH- PRESENT

Cllr Cartwright (chair)	Cllr Cruttenden	Cllr Falconer
Cllr Headon	Cllr Hind	Cllr Lynch
County Cllr Ratcliffe	Cllr Rowlands	Mrs Smith (clerk)

159/2006/ MARCH- APOLOGIES.

Dist Cllr March
Cllr Engelbregsten

160/2006/ MARCH- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

A copy of the minutes of the meeting of 21 February 2006 was signed as a true record of the meeting, and ratified by the Chairman.

161/2006/ MARCH- DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Cllrs Rowlands, Falconer, and Lynch declared an interest in the Friends of Bonsall Framework Knitters.

Cllrs Cruttenden, Lynch and Hind declared an interest in the Allotments.

Cllrs Cruttenden, Lynch, Rowlands, Falconer and Hind, in the presence of the Clerk, signed the Declaration of Interests record book.

162/MARCH- FINANCE.

a. Current Financial Statement See separate sheet.

b. Approval and authorisation of work

Churchyard	30hrs @ £5.15	£154.50
Lenghtsman	No bill this month	
Handyman	7hrs @ £5.15	£ 36.05

c. Authorisation and payment of cheques

Mrs C Smith		£110.00
Mr M Biggin		£154.50
Mr L Johnson		£ 36.05
DDDC	Dog waste bin	£123.38
DALC	Subscription	£227.10

d. Allotments Expenditure

Twiggs of Matlock	£ 26.91
Severn Trent Water	£368.01

Total Expenses for this month £1045.95

Jobs for the Handyman this month:

Same as last month.

- Cllr Hind is retiring as the Responsible Finance Officer for the PC, at the AGM in May. Cllr Hind will continue as a councillor until the elections in May 2007, but he will not be standing again for re-election. This has raised an issue of who will take over the RFO position. Cllr Engelbregsten has said she is not now interested in the position. The Clerk would prefer not to take on the extra duties. Cllr Lynch has a contact that may be interested, and he will pursue this. The RFO position is one, which can be

paid for out of the PC's finances. An advert will be placed in Mutterings to see if anyone is interested.

- Cllr Cartwright has agreed to continue as Chair for the next year unless anyone else is interested in taking up the post.
- The PC agreed that they would pay for the first groups registration (£15) who wish to use the Amber Valley Community Transport scheme.

163/2006/MARCH - FOOTPATHS

A number of residents and interested parties attended the meeting with regard to the footpaths issue. Unfortunately Mr Berry, footpaths officer for DCC was unable to attend and he has agreed to attend the meeting in June after the PC have made the necessary approaches to him in writing.

Interested parties are:

- Walkers
- Horse riders
- Motorcyclist
- 4x4 drivers
- Farmers
- Local residents

Issues raised:

- Unclassified and unadopted pathways, bridleways & roads
- Differently named pathways, bridleways & roads
- Damage and vandalism to walls and erosion to pathways, bridleways & roads
- Lack of maintenance
- Obstruction to stop farmers gaining access to feed their stock
- Litter

Concern areas:

- Dobb Lane
- Tower Lane
- Bell Lane
- Brightgate
- Uppertown
- Blakemere Quarry

How the vehicles get up to the Moor and other area, by using the footpaths. The use of motorised vehicles on Bonsall Moor is not to be stopped.

There is new legislation being introduced shortly regarding the status of footpaths. This legislation will change the status of footpaths, but this could take many years to be enforceable. Each footpath will be looked at and its status as a footpath, bridleways or roads, will be clarified.

The PC will monitor the situation, with the frequency of different user groups which use the footpaths, with DEFRA, Derbyshire Constabulary, Peak District National Park and DCC.

It was suggested that the PC was wishing to down grade many of the bridleways. **It was noted that the PC have never discussed this at all.**

The maintenance of some of the footpaths is the responsibility of DCC, but the PC also maintains many. The suggestion of the lack of maintenance by the PC is somewhat deliberate, as the PC felt that if some of the footpaths were overgrown and unmaintained it would deter some people using them, and also the weather has been against them for some

of the work to be done. The PC apologised for this and will undertake the maintenance necessary.

A suggestion was made to see if special equestrian gates could be fitted to some of the bridleways, which would enable horses and riders access to the bridleways and not to motorised vehicles. These kinds of gates have been fitted at Middleton Moor, and have proved effective.

County Cllr Ratcliffe reported that she was very aware of the issues raised and she was working with the Rights of Way officer on all the issues. County Cllr Ratcliffe stressed that these issues cannot be forced in; they must pass through the consultation process first. County Cllr Ratcliffe commented that DCC are committed to this issue, and this year for the first time in many years, the budget for the rights of way has been increased. County Cllr Ratcliffe suggested that the PC invite Police Inspector Paul Carlton, who is a motorcycle rider himself, to the meeting.

It was felt that when organised events were taking place, it would be beneficial to all parties if prior notice was given of these events and then other people not involved in the motorised vehicle sector could make alternative arrangements, thus lessening the possibility of clashes of interests between different groups and better signposting of events, would be beneficial to everyone.

The Chair thanked all the residents and interested parties for attending and invited them all to attend the June meeting.

Cllr Rowlands reported that the footpath between Yeoman Street and the Church – Ragcroft – is very muddy at present, and some work needs to be done. County Cllr Ratcliffe suggested that the PC apply to the Rights Of Way officer and request funding for a grant called “Safer Route For Children”

164/2006/ MARCH- REPORTS BACK FROM REPRESENTATIVES.

- Dist Cllr Marsh is currently on sick leave, and Dist Cllr Elliott and County Cllr Ratcliffe will pick up any issues in his absence.

County Cllr Ratcliffe reported that the resurfacing on Clatterway would restart shortly. County Cllr Ratcliffe has liaised with the Highways dept and they are monitoring the situation with regard to the speed limits through the village and on Via Gellia.

Other information County Cllr Ratcliffe passed on was about:

- Children’s Services
- Gold Card and free travel
- Rights of Way
- Records office/local study groups

The Care Centre at Wirksworth has reached its target and progressing well.

Cllr Cruttenden reported that at a recent quarry liaison meeting, that plans for a leisure facility at Ball Eye quarry had been approved in principle. Slinter quarry should finish quarrying in April 2007 and the restoration must be completed in three years. Tearsall quarry have finished quarrying as well.

Cllr Cruttenden has sent out letters for the tender of the Fountain restoration.

Cllr Cruttenden reported that Mrs Williams has now taken over the use of the Stepping Lane field. Complaints have been received already about the state of the footpath being very muddy and the horses are rubbing up against the seats. The dog waste bin is to be moved and the PC agreed to £100 to get the initial work of fencing started off. Cllr Cruttenden will liaise with Mrs Williams about the positioning of the stiles and gates.

Cllr Lynch reported that there have been complaints about the grass cutting in the closed part of the cemetery. When the sub-contractors have cut the grass they are not clearing it up. Cllr Lynch has met with DDDC officer for this work and was told that it would be looked into, but with regard to a letter sent to DDDC about the work being taken over by us, he was told that this would not be possible. Cllr Lynch will pursue this further.

Cllr Headon reported that some of the headstones in the cemetery are still in a weakened state and DDDC will continue to cut the grass around them until next year., if they still remain in this state the situation will be re-evaluated. The PCC are taking action with regard to this, and are having testing done on the headstones. Families of the deceased are still being contacted about this.

Cllr Hind reported about the parking on Church Street. An officer from DDDC has visited and taken measurements and told Cllr Hind that little could be done except putting out extra cones as the necessary times. This is not a satisfactory resolution for this problem. (Who will put out the extra cones? Can this solution be enforced or policed?) More no parking signs are to be looked at. County Cllr Ratcliffe is to be informed of the situation. Cllr Hind will follow this up.

It was agreed that the PC would not enter the Calor Village of the Year competition this year.

Cllr Cartwright has organised the DDDC Housing survey to be delivered with this months edition of Mutterings. Councillors are to collect the surveys and return them to DDDC by 15 April.

Posters will be displayed around the village and in Mutterings advertising the AGM.

165/2006/MARCH-CORRESPONDENCE

See separate sheet.

166/2006/ MARCH- MONTHLY REPORT FOR MUTTERINGS.

Items for this month's edition:

Fountain
Parking on Church Street
Footpaths
PC AGM

167/2006/MARCH- PLANNING.

Planning Applications received from Peak Park Planning & Derbyshire Dales District Council, for consideration by the Parish Council.

Planning Application No: PLS/SJG/G/4/Avii - Mr & Mrs Webb, Greenwood Cottage, Uppertown, Bonsall. Felling of silver birch tree.

No objections.

Planning application decisions by Peak Park Planning & Derbyshire Dales District Council.

Planning Application No06/00050/FUL – Mrs Spencer, 84 High Street, Bonsall. Single storey rear extension.

Granted with conditions.

168/2006/ MARCH- AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

Fountain Restoration
Mutterings
Footpaths
AGM/Parish meeting

NEXT MEETING – 18 April 2006

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

