

Bonsall Parish Council
Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 7.30pm at
Bonsall School

Chair of the Council: Cllr Mark Harris

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Minute No	Item	Action
20/9/1	Present: Cllrs Harris (Chair), Addis, Barry, Grover, Taylor, Ms J Milverton (Clerk/RFO), 1 member of the public.	
20/9/2	Apologies for Absence; District Cllr Purdy and District and County Cllr Murphy, Cllrs J & S Smith and K. Potter Peak Park Forum	Clerk
20/9/3	Variation to the Order of Business: None Before the Meeting the Chair recorded his thanks to those who had organised the village's response to the death of the Queen: bellringing, displaying a book of condolence and raising and lowering the flag. He then asked for a minute's silence to be held to mark the death of Her Majesty.	
20/9/4	Declaration of Interests: None	
20/9/5	Public Speaking Weeds: A member of the public expressed on-going concern at the state of the village due to weeds. He felt that organising groups of volunteers (as recently to clear The Clatterway) will not be sufficient to deal with the problem. It was noted that Remembrance Day is approaching and it will be sad if the war memorial has weeds growing on it at such a time. Cllr Taylor brought up the issue of Church Street generally and it was noted that there is a lot of growth there. The weeds may contribute to the risk of flooding. This issue will be discussed at the next meeting of the Plants and Paths Working Group (see e)	
20/9/6	Minutes of the last meeting: The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 19 th July 2022.	
20/9/7	Chair's announcements: The Chair noted that DCC is doing a walk round the village on 4 th October to consider flooding issues.	
20/9/8	Village Matters a) Park and Vehicle Park: (1) the updated policy, as recommended by the Vehicle Park Working Group, was agreed. The policy prohibits all overnight camping. While some overnight parking by residents is acceptable, it was agreed the Clerk should write to the owners of large vehicles parked long-term to request that they are moved. (2) Cllr Barry volunteered to paint the railings round the fountain. Cllr Grover volunteered to look at the locking mechanism on the public WCs b) Motocross site former White Low Mine: In absence of Cllr Purdy no update was given. c) Quarrying update: No update d) Trees: Clerk reported three quotes for pollarding the two dead ash trees in churchyard. It was agreed to invite Emery Landscapes to do the work as theirs was the lowest quote. It was decided to ask them to leave the wood as residents may well wish to use it. Clerk to check if this would affect the price quoted and to liaise with Emery Landscapes to schedule the work.	JB RG Clerk

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	<p>e) Plants & Paths: Minutes from the first meeting of the Plants and Paths Working Group had been sent to Cllrs. Concern was expressed at the urgency with which The Clatterway had to be cleared to prevent weed spraying by the Council. There was also concern about overhanging growth and the verge which now exists on Church Street. It was also suggested that maybe weed spraying should be allowed again. The whole question to be discussed at the next meeting of the Plants and Paths Working Group (especially in regard to Church Street). In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to: 1) contact Highways about responsibility for removing plants overhanging roads and paths; 2) the check with the Council the timetable for road sweeping; 3) Stress again in the Mutterings report that residents need to remove growth which impedes footpaths, and to ask for volunteers for weeding.</p> <p>f) Website: Cllr Taylor reported recommendation from herself and Cllr Tobin to improve the look of the website, but to keep it simple. Agreement was given to the suggestion to add page containing links to village organisations; also, to add photos to the website. Clerk to contact discuss with relevant parties who could carry out this work.</p> <p>g) Defibrillators: it was agreed to provide new batteries for the defibrillator in the school, and to reimburse The Fountain for the purchase of new child pads for the defibrillator there. Clerk to confirm with Richard and Ann.</p> <p>h) Temporary Assistant Training & Finance: it was agreed to authorise a 2-mth extension to enable Tony Payne to continue to assist the Clerk on an ad hoc basis.</p> <p>i) Planters: it was agreed that anyone adopting one of the Parish Council planters can claim up to £30/year for plants. Cllr Barry to check the state of planters which may need replacing or mending (on the fountain and by the cross).</p> <p>j) Road obstruction: A complaint has been made about a large vehicle regularly parked at the top of The Clatterway. It was noted that this is not illegal as long as the road is not obstructed. The Clerk was asked to check whether there is an official bus stop here, although it was noted that residents need this area for parking.</p> <p>k) Church Street: Cllr J Smith had reported that some teachers are not parking in the vehicle park as they believe they will need to pay. The Clerk was asked to contact the school to reassure them that this is not the case as parking is free to residents and to anyone working in the village.</p> <p>l) Village sign: Cllr Grover asked what had happened to the plan to erect a village sign. The Clerk reported that this issue appeared to have been dropped over time. The Clerk was asked to report on this at the next meeting.</p> <p>m) Remembrance: Clerk asked whether more poppies are needed. Chair and Cllr Barry to check how many are in the container and decide if more need to be ordered. Clerk to arrange for purchase of the wreath. Chair to represent the Parish Council at the Remembrance Service. Clerk to ask clergy for details of this.</p> <p>n) Footpath alteration: the Council raised no objection to the proposed diversion to the footpath in Brightgate.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p></p> <p>JB</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>MH/JB/ Clerk</p>
20/9/9	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Monthly Payments received: Insurance (Fountain claim) £259.40. Car Park £365</p> <p>b) Statement/ Annual Accounts: the statement for period 5 detailing income and expenditure end August were approved.</p>	

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	c) Internal audit: Cllr Taylor approved the monthly audit. Clerk/RFO reported the annual audit had been completed successfully.		
	Online	M Biggin	£205.11 Salary/expenses
	Online	J Milverton	£703.28 Salary/expenses
	Online	A Payne	£76.28 Salary/expenses
	Online	P Spencer	£181.20 Salary/expenses
	Online	HMRC	£367.65 PAYE month 6
	Online	R Allsopp	£120 WC cleaning
	Online	Roy Johnson Landscape Services	£211.20 Park mowing
	Online	Diocese of Derby	£400 Park rent
	Online	G J Webster	£965.22 Stonemasonry at Fountain
	Online	Phil's Forge	£700 Blacksmithing at Fountain
	Online	R Grover	£19.99 Book of condolence
	Charges	Virgin Money	£16.25 Bank charges
	Online	Twiggs	£87.91 Ref P Spencer
	DD	Niamh's Photographic Lens	£25.00 Website hosting fee
	DD	Virgin Mobile	£22.91 Phone charges
	DD	ICO (data protection fee)	£35 Annual Fee
	Card	Siteground 123	20.39 Domain name annual fee
	DD	E.ON (The Park)	£14.63 Electricity
20/9/10	Planning T/22/00123/TPO: Tree Works application: Fell 2No. T1 and T2 Ash Trees dues to a history of shedding boughs presenting a danger to children of Bonsall CofE Primary School at The Old Rectory. This was approved.		
20/9/22	Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 18th October 2022 at 7.30pm		

Signed