

**Bonsall Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th March 2021 at 7.30pm by remote video and audio link**

**Chair of the Council:** Cllr Mark Harris

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<b>Minute No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
16/03/1	<b>Present:</b> Cllrs Addis Barry, Cllrs Grover Harris J. Smith and S. Smith, District Cllr Purdy, Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO). Three members of the public.	
16/03/2	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> County Cllr Ratcliffe and Cllr Pountain; it was agreed to formally accept the apology from Cllr Pountain on account of difficulties attending remote meetings.	
16/03/3	<b>Variation to the Order of Business:</b> the meeting commenced with a minute's silence in memory of District Councillor Joyce Pawley. The Chair Mark Harris and the leader of the District Council Cllr Garry Purdy paid tribute to her work on behalf of the public, and her contribution to the work of the Parish and District Councils. A card of condolence had been sent to her family on behalf of the Parish Council.	
16/03/4	<b>Declaration of Interests:</b> none	
16/03/5	<b>Public Speaking:</b>  <b>Coronavirus:</b> Cllr Purdy explained that the very high infection rate showing for Derbyshire Dales (the highest in the country) was attributable to a serious outbreak of the virus at Sudbury prison; this was being managed by the prison and health authorities. When that factor was removed, the area was in the lowest bracket of infection rate.  <b>Waste collection:</b> green waste collection had been suspended due to difficulties caused by weather and virus-related staff sickness absence. Cllr Purdy said that the green waste collection would be recommencing shortly for those who had joined the collection scheme.  <b>Ward boundaries:</b> Cllr Purdy said that he had submitted a second objection to the proposed ward boundaries as they affected Bonsall and Cromford; the two communities had shared histories of work and communications which continued to the present day, and should not be separated as the Boundary Commission had proposed.  <b>Via Gellia closure 12-16 April:</b> Cllr Purdy said that he had written to the County Council to seek assurance that there would be no repeat of the difficulties caused by previous closures (see further item 16/03/8 (h)). In response to questions Cllr Purdy offered to ask the County Council to undertake litter collection whilst the road was closed.  <b>Motocross site on the moor:</b> Cllr Purdy said that he had been contacted by the Bonsall Moor Action Group and several residents in relation to issues relating to the track. He undertook to consult with District Council officers and to report back to the Parish Council.  A member of the public and of the Bonsall Moor Action group also spoke about further action needed to prevent nuisance problems when the track recommenced, and about undertaking monitoring in relation to the site. BMAG were keen to ensure that the monitoring and testing work that the District Council had offered in September 2020 should be taking place. (See further item 16/03/8 (b)).	
16/03/6	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2021.	
16/03/7	<b>Chair's Announcements:</b> none.	
16/03/8	<b>VILLAGE MATTERS</b> a) <b>Slinter Top Quarry:</b> there was no new information in relation to the planning application to report. Noted.	

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<p><b>b) Motocross site former White Low mine:</b> the Clerk reported that he had received four emails in relation to concerns about resumption of activities at the site, and related issues at the site. After discussion it was agreed to await the report from Cllr Purdy in relation to District Council action being taken. There was no further information in relation to the holding of the planning enquiry. Noted.</p> <p><b>c) Park (1) General:</b> complaints had been received about daffodils having been cut and removed from the bank; noted with disappointment. It was agreed to arrange an inspection of the park once coronavirus regulations allowed that. <b>(2) Vehicle park container unit:</b> Cllr J. Smith said that the Carnival committee had agreed to make a contribution of £600 towards the cost of a unit for storage of carnival well-dressing and flood equipment to be sited on the vehicle park. The Clerk said that DDDC had advised that planning permission was not needed for this. After discussion it was agreed that (a) the Parish Council would contribute up to £1400 towards purchase; (b) to buy a 8 by 8 by 20 foot unit to be sited in the southern corner of the vehicle park against the bank; (c) that the Clerk be authorised to arrange purchase and delivery of a suitable container in consultation with the Chair and Cllrs Barry and Grover; and (d) the site would be checked as to whether any levelling was needed prior to installation. (Cllr Addis requested that his vote against these decisions (a) to (d) in relation to purchase of a container unit for the vehicle park be recorded); <b>(3) Goalposts:</b> Cllr Barry had donated suitable replacement nets; noted with thanks. It was agreed to purchase two additional goal post sockets at a cost of £150 to allow the goal area to be moved and reduce wear on the pitch.</p> <p><b>d) Flooding:</b> the Clerk reported that a DCC Highways engineer and team had carried out an inspection of the key problem sites on 24<sup>th</sup> February. Work had since been undertaken at Cascades and the entrance to the park to raise the kerb level, and also to raise a low bund at the bottom of the vehicle park. The Parish Council was waiting to hear as to when the next key work was planned, in particular the culvert at the top of Yeoman Street. The work in the village was welcomed.</p> <p><b>e) Twenty's Plenty:</b> signs had been cleaned and re-located as necessary; it was agreed to replace the sign at the Fountain with one that was more prominent.</p> <p><b>f) Litter on the Via Gellia:</b> it was noted with thanks that Cllr Purdy had offered to take up this issue with the County Council.</p> <p><b>g) Trees at top of Clatterway adjacent to Nether Green:</b> the Clerk and Cllr Grover reported that residents had raised concerns about the condition of trees on land at the top of the Clatterway opposite the Black Tor road junction. Ownership of the land was unknown, and the title was not registered. The District Council Tree officer had suggested contacting DCC highways if they were considered a danger to the highway; it was agreed to refer the issue to DCC.</p> <p><b>h) Via Gellia road closure 12-16<sup>th</sup> April:</b> DCC had advised that the road would be closed from the Grangemill junction to the Hopton junction between 9.00am to 5.00pm 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> April to allow retaining wall repairs. Local hospitality businesses had expressed concern that this would be the first week that they would be allowed to be open since lockdown commenced in November, and that this would impact upon trade. The Clerk said that he had written to the County Council expressing these concerns, and seeking suitable signage regarding Bonsall businesses being open and accessible. DCC had agreed to provide details of the signage scheme, and it was agreed that submission Council's response to that scheme should be delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.</p> <p><b>i) Website:</b> the Clerk reported on current progress; it was agreed to set up a meeting of the website working group to review if any additional input was needed to secure completion of the project. Thanks were recorded to Brett for his work to date. The Clerk said that payment of the invoice from the site management company had been deferred pending final resolution of all issues.</p> <p><b>j) WC repair:</b> the Council received a report from Cllr Grover on repairs. The woodwork</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	<p>was in poor condition, and had been previously repaired. The door to the lady's WC was no longer closing on the electronic timer. It was agreed to seek three quotes for new doors and to report these back to the Council for approval.</p> <p><b>k) Future meeting arrangements:</b> the Clerk explained that the current legislation which allowed for remote meetings was due to expire at the end of April. The National Association of Local Councils was pressing for an extension to that, but it was necessary to plan on the basis that the AGM and Annual Parish Council meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May would need to be held in the village hall. Cllr J. Smith said that risk assessment work would be being done by the Village Hall Committee to allow local elections to take place at the hall on 6<sup>th</sup> May. The Clerk outlined some of the measures that were advised to be in place to allow public meetings, including control of numbers of building occupants, ventilation, wearing of masks, and enabling remote access to the meeting (by video streaming) to reduce the need for public attendance. There were also duties on the Council as an employer in relation to risk assessment and health and safety. Noted, and it was agreed to review the situation again at the April meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																																				
16/03/9	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p><b>a) Monthly Payments received:</b> £600 EROB and interment fee re the late E Astbury.</p> <p><b>b) Statement/ Annual Accounts:</b> the statement for period 11 detailing income and expenditure from 01 February to 01 March 2021 was approved;</p> <p><b>c) Accounts for payment:</b> payments as below were approved.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="229 1010 1390 1357"> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>A Payne</td> <td>£384.40</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>M Biggin</td> <td>£73.61</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>CN 11</b></td> <td>L Johnson</td> <td>£147.02</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>R Allsopp</td> <td>£100.00</td> <td>WC cleaning</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£563.40</td> <td>PAYE Q4</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>Derby Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd</td> <td>£400.00</td> <td>Rent for park</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>Peak Park Parishes Forum</td> <td>£6.00</td> <td>Subscription</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>DD</b></td> <td>Zoom Video Communications inc</td> <td>£14.39</td> <td>Meeting hosting fee</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>DD</b></td> <td>E.ON (The Park)</td> <td>£8.44</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Online</b>	A Payne	£384.40	Salary/expenses	<b>Online</b>	M Biggin	£73.61	Salary/expenses	<b>CN 11</b>	L Johnson	£147.02	Salary/expenses	<b>Online</b>	R Allsopp	£100.00	WC cleaning	<b>Online</b>	HMRC	£563.40	PAYE Q4	<b>Online</b>	Derby Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd	£400.00	Rent for park	<b>Online</b>	Peak Park Parishes Forum	£6.00	Subscription	<b>DD</b>	Zoom Video Communications inc	£14.39	Meeting hosting fee	<b>DD</b>	E.ON (The Park)	£8.44	Electricity	<p>Clerk</p>
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16/03/10	<p><b>PLANNING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>21/00220/FUL Sunnyside Cottage The Dale:</b> two storey extension. The plans and comments online were viewed by the Council. After discussion it was agreed to submit the following comment to the District Council by way of objection: "The Parish Council supports the principle of improvement of the property, but objects to the design in relation to the size scale and elevation of the glass front to the sun lounge, on the basis that it would not be in keeping with the character of the surrounding buildings in the conservation area, and would be contrary to the requirements of the Bonsall Village Design Statement (Guideline no. 10)".</li> <li><b>NP/DDD/1120/1118 Coach House Slaley:</b> proposed double garage and store. The plans and application details online were viewed by the Council. After discussion it was agreed to make no objection to the proposed development.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																																				
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