

## Bonsall Parish Council

### Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.30pm at Bonsall Village Hall

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

Clerk: Tony Payne 27 High St Bonsall DE4 2AS; telephone: 01629 822311 email: bonsallclerk@gmail.com

Minute No	Item	Action
15/06/1	<b>Present:</b> Cllrs Addis Barry, Grover Harris and J. Smith, and District Cllr Purdy, K. Potter Peak District National Park forum. Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO). Three members of the public.	
15/06/2	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllrs S Smith and Pountain, County and District Cllr Murphy.	
15/06/3	<b>Variation to the Order of Business:</b> none	
15/06/3(a)	<b>Co-option to the Parish Council vacancy:</b> it was agreed to readvertise the vacancy.	Clerk
15/06/3(b)	<b>Planning Committee:</b> it was agreed to confirm terms of reference.	
15/06/4	<b>Declaration of Interests:</b> none	
15/06/5	<b>Public Speaking:</b> <b>Peak District National Park:</b> Kath Potter explained the effect of recent staff reorganisation. She had previously circulated all PDNPA comments on the Slinger quarry application, and also an update on the Motocross site ( <b>see further item 15/06/8 (b)</b> ). <b>Motocross:</b> Cllr Purdy said that recent DDDC tests showed high lead levels at the site. DDDC had requested the site operators to take action to reduce the level of risk. He agreed to check the exact timescale that had been imposed for this action ( <b>see further item 15/06/8 (b)</b> ). A member of the public asked about the lead monitoring, and Cllr Purdy confirmed that the report showed high levels. They expressed serious concern at the use of the site by children for the 'BMMX Kids Night' on Tuesdays, in the light of those findings. Cllr Purdy said that the District Council could only stop activities if the results showed that the levels were sufficiently dangerous to health, and that was still to be determined, but that Health officers were working on it and that the organisers had been instructed to deal with it urgently. The landowner of the track said that their own lead reports had returned as satisfactory. The organisers intended to undertake air monitoring and to continue with dust suppression. The landowner said that he intended to reinstate the highway surface on the track to the site from Grangemill to allow access to the site from that direction. Cllr Purdy cautioned him against this action as he said that it was public highway which was managed by the County Council. The landowner expressed concern that the signage at the cattle grid from Bonsall lane was causing track customers not to take that route, and a client had damaged their vehicle attempting access via Blakelow lane, and that was why he was taking this action. The landowner also circulated papers showing Environment Agency action being taken against a nearby landowner in relation to a pollution risk from burning of unpermitted waste on a quarry site, which could impact on water supplies. The papers showed that the quarry owner had been required to stop waste burning activities. The landowner asked the Parish Council to intervene on this; the Chair and Cllr Purdy said that these were not issues that the Parish Council could get involved with, as it was already being dealt with by the Environment Agency and would need to be taken up with them. <b>Refuse collection problems:</b> Cllr Purdy said that the Council was very aware of the problems across the District with refuse collection and in particular recycling waste collection, and apologised for that. He said that the principal problems were that SERCO had lost staff due to Covid, that Covid had required vehicle crews to be re-arranged with more vehicles required to avoid three sharing a cab, and that this was compounded by a national shortage of HGV drivers. That in turn he said was caused by Brexit, non-UK drivers not being willing to come to the UK due to the pandemic, and HGV training having only recently re-commenced. SERCO had put out 40 adverts for drivers with no response, and refuse collection jobs were being avoided by drivers due to the need to share cabs. He said that it was a national problem which could get worse before it got better. The District Council had started legal action to enforce their contract with SERCO, and public announcements on action to be taken	

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	<p>would be made soon.</p> <p>Cllrs asked whether residents could be leafleted with updates on information by the bin crews, and Cllr Purdy said that he would ask if that could be done.</p> <p>Cllrs also queried whether this was the full explanation of difficulties, quoting examples that day of two crews arriving to collect recycling bins on the same road (<b>see further item 15/06/8 (i)</b>).</p> <p><b>Speeding on the Dale:</b> a resident spoke about her neighbour's cat being killed by a speeding driver on the Dale, and asked whether speed humps or 'No footpath' signs could be installed. It was explained that the County Council had recently turned down a request for that signage.</p>	
15/06/6	<p><b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The Council recorded thanks to the Vice-Chair Cllr Addis for his work in chairing the previous meeting.</p>	
15/06/7	<p><b>Chair's Announcements:</b> none.</p>	
15/06/8	<p><b>VILLAGE MATTERS</b></p> <p><b>a) Slinter Top Quarry and Dene Quarry:</b> Cllr Grover reported that he had checked the County Council website and found that there was a new submission from the applicant which was out for public consultation. The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council had not been consulted on this, and it was agreed to write to the County Council to complain at lack of consultation for the Council and residents, and request the opportunity to comment, and seek further information on the process.</p> <p><b>b) Motocross site former White Low mine:</b> the Clerk had circulated the results of independent soil testing of the BMMX site which had been commissioned by the District Council Environmental Health Department at four locations across the Motocross site. Samples were tested for a number of metals, and, for all but lead, guidance values were not exceeded. However, for lead, the 'low risk' guidance value of 1340 mg/kg was exceeded at each location, and results ranged from 9520 to 15300 mg/kg of lead across site.</p> <p>The Clerk also reported on an email from Laura Salmon Principal Environmental Health Officer, who said that <i>Our Principle Environmental Health Officer is looking at the lead levels on site under Health and Safety laws and Regulations. He has requested that the site operators look at how they can demonstrate the level of risk to health on site by carrying out health surveillance and monitoring in the first instance and also by providing instruction, information and training to all who visit the site. They must then also look at how any risk can be managed. They have been given a time scale by which to provide sufficient evidence to the Council.</i> The position in relation to lead contamination levels was noted by the Council with deep concern. In relation to the appeal, Kath Potter had provided an update which indicated that the appeal appeared to be more likely to be dealt with by public enquiry than written representations, but that this had still to be confirmed. Noted.</p> <p><b>c) Park (1) Vehicle parking:</b> further to the last meeting it was agreed that the Parish Council wanted to prevent all parking on the Council park land in front of Park House, in the interests of park user and highway safety, and that the Clerk should write to house owners to that effect; <b>(2) Vehicle park:</b> there was still no update on the planning position in relation to siting of a container unit; noted. It was agreed to arrange a vehicle park group meeting before the July Council meeting ; <b>(3) Play equipment:</b> a request had been received for new equipment. The play equipment was currently the responsibility of the District Council. The main slide had suffered some damage and it was agreed to write to the District Council to seek replacement and to consider this further in the light of their response.</p> <p><b>d) Public WCs:</b> the Clerk reported that John Barnacle had been awarded the</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>replacement work for the doors at a cost of £780, and would be commencing work soon; it was agreed to authorise the Clerk, in consultation with Chair and Vice-Chair, to agree any additional minor works needed to window and fascia boards with the contractor.</p> <p><b>e) Flooding:</b> despite requests there was currently no information from the County Council to report on their proposed works. The Clerk would continue to request this. Noted.</p> <p><b>f) Village benches:</b> no sites had been suggested for benches around the village generally, although picnic benches had been asked for in the park. Agreed to defer to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>g) Village sign:</b> Cllr Grover said that he would circulate the two designs to be considered at the next meeting. Noted with thanks.</p> <p><b>h) Litter and weed collection schemes:</b> bags had been distributed and advice issued on how the schemes should operate. It was agreed to keep the operation of these schemes under review.</p> <p><b>i) Refuse and recycling collection:</b> the comments of Councillor Purdy in public speaking, and the action being taken by the District Council, were noted.</p> <p><b>j) Verge planting scheme:</b> the Clerk reported that that the District Council were operating a pilot project for wildflower verges across the District. Most of the verges already have a significant number of wildflowers and by leaving them uncut until September it allowed the plants to flower and set seed. There are also a couple of sites that have relatively few wildflowers in the turf, that community groups such as Wilder of Wirksworth have taken on and planted. The Council had said that the scheme was not appropriate to Bonsall at the moment because the rural verges are not cut by DDDC but subcontracted out, and they are waiting for DCC to start their review on the management of verges for wildflowers. It was agreed to ask the District Council to consider Bonsall for this next year.</p> <p><b>k) Speedwatch scheme:</b> the planned training had not taken place due to some confusion around the arrangements, and it was agreed to offer new dates of 21 or 22 June at the village hall at 10.00am.</p> <p><b>l) Passing places Salters Lane:</b> it was agreed to ask the County Council to provide additional signage to prevent parking in passing places on Salters lane, particularly in the area below Jugholes.</p> <p><b>m) Peak District National Park forum:</b> after discussion it was agreed not to send a representative for this group.</p> <p><b>n) Website:</b> there was discussion on the website progress; it was agreed to ask Brett if he would be able to bring this work to a point where it could be passed on to a new developer who could take over management of the administration of the new site. The Clerk was authorised to arrange payment for management and development work in consultation with Chair and Vice Chair. It was also agreed to seek to broaden the membership of the working group.</p> <p><b>o) Councillor responsibilities:</b> it was agreed to develop a list of Councillors who had interest in specific topics who could be points of contact for those areas (without having any responsibility to act on behalf of the Council). Cllr Addis offered to draw up a draft list for the next meeting; noted with thanks.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Chair /VC</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Grover</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/ Chair/V-C</p> <p>Cllr Addis/ Clerk</p>
15/06/9	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p><b>a) Monthly Payments received:</b> Bank Cashback £0.08p.</p> <p><b>b) Statement/ Annual Accounts:</b> the statement for period 2 detailing income and expenditure from 01 May to 01 June 2021 was approved (noted that £682.66 for</p>	

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	Payroll should be correctly attributed to PAYE); c) <b>Grant for repairs to Cross:</b> the Clerk reported that repair work had been carried out on the Cross (presumably by the District Council) and that the grant from Open Gardens of £200 held for this purpose could be returned. After discussion it was agreed to ask to use this money for the improvement by clearance and planting of the vacant District Council plot on Yeoman St. Agreed that the Clerk should write to the District Council for permission for either the Council or Open Gardens or volunteers to carry out these improvement works.	Clerk
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	<b>Online</b> A Payne £489.97 Salary/expenses	
	<b>Online</b> P Spencer £221.72 Salary/expenses	
	<b>Online</b> M Biggin £128.46 Salary/expenses	
	<b>Online</b> R Allsopp £100.00 WC cleaning	
	<b>Online</b> HMRC £267.20 PAYE month 3	
	<b>Online</b> Roy Johnson £211.20 Park Mowing Landscape Services	
	<b>Card</b> Amazon £28.09 Defibrillator batteries	
	<b>Online</b> Linda Wells Hollies £30.00 Plants for Uppertown Farm	
	<b>DD</b> Zoom Video £14.39 Meeting hosting fee Communications inc	
	<b>DD</b> E.ON (Park) £12.79 Electricity	Clerk
15/06/10	<b>PLANNING:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>21/00617/FUL 2 Hollow Brook Clatterway:</b> first floor extension over existing garage to create home office; after discussion it was agreed to make no objection to this application.</li> <li>• <b>21/00608/FUL Dodys Cottage The Dale:</b> Replacement conservatory; after discussion it was agreed to make no objection to this application.</li> <li>• <b>Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Review- Call for Sites Consultation</b> May 2021; after discussion it was agreed to make no comments on this Review.</li> </ul>	Clerk
15/06/11	<b>Items for Information: DALC Circular 08-2021</b>	
15/06/12	<b>Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 7.30pm.</b>	

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