

**Bonsall Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 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
20/07/1	<b>Present:</b> Cllrs Grover Harris and J. Smith and S. Smith. County and District Cllr Murphy and. Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO). 8 members of the public.	
20/07/2	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllrs Addis and Barry, District Cllr Purdy.	
20/07/3 (a)	<b>Variation to the Order of Business:</b> planning item Slinter Top Quarry was dealt with as the first item after Chair's announcements, and other planning applications were considered after item 20/07/5(g).	
20/07/3(b)	<b>Co-option to the Parish Council vacancy:</b> there were no current applicants; noted.	
20/07/4	<b>Declaration of Interests:</b> none.	
20/07/5	<b>Public Speaking:</b>  <b>Slinter Top Quarry planning application:</b> Councillor Murphy said that this was still out to consultation and he had been told that the final hearing date had not yet been finalised, but that a site visit to include the key sites in Bonsall was intended. He wanted to know the views of the Parish Council on the application, and to understand the noise and other issues that had been raised. He agreed to visit the village with Parish Councillors to do this and also become familiar with other current village issues. Residents also spoke to support the proposed comments to be submitted by the Parish Council under the current consultation process.  <b>Parking on the pavement lower Clatterway:</b> two members of the public raised complaints about obstruction of the footpath due to vehicle parking. Other residents referred to the general problem of on-road parking in this area where there was restricted visibility for passing. These were made worse by hedge growth on the opposite side and it was asked if the Council could request this to be cut (agreed).	Clerk
20/07/6	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2021.	
20/07/7	<b>Chair's Announcements:</b> the Chair thanked Cllr Grover on behalf of the Council for his voluntary work in painting the new doors for the public toilets.	
20/07/8	<b>VILLAGE MATTERS</b>  a) <b>Motocross site former White Low mine:</b> the Clerk confirmed that the planning appeal was now to be determined by public enquiry; it had not yet been decided whether this would be online or in a public venue. Noted. Councillors expressed concern about the continued holding of children's events on the site despite the District Council having advised the operator to stop such events because of the high lead levels. It seemed that the same issue of potential ingestion of lead contaminated dust would apply to adult riders, and also for users of the adjacent roads and tracks. It was agreed to write to the District Council to express concern on these issues and to seek further information on action being taken.  b) <b>Park (1) General:</b> no maintenance action needed; noted. <b>(2) Vehicle park:</b> the recommendations of the Vehicle Park working group were considered and the following agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Storage unit:</b> to write to the District Council to explain how a container unit on the vehicle park would be used in order to meet the criteria for not requiring planning permission.</li> <li>• <b>Charges for use of vehicle park:</b> - £1 per day for cars;</li> </ul>	Clerk

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Free permit scheme for daytime parking for residents vehicles with limited on/off street parking, and no charge for resident's overnight vehicle parking;</li> <li>- Free permit for teachers or others working in village during daytime;</li> <li>- £10 per day for coaches / £300 p.a. charge for camper vans or motor homes (2 maximum);</li> <li>- Trailer/lorry parking £400 p.a if Operator's licence conditions allow (2 maximum);</li> <li>- No overnight camper van use would be permitted.</li> <li>• <b>Honesty box:</b> Leigh to discuss stonework installation with R. Grover/G. Webster.</li> <li>• <b>Use for mobile food vans:</b> in the interests of village businesses and other car park users, and to avoid difficulties of multiple applications, not to be permitted.</li> <li>• <b>Signage:</b> a large - professionally produced- sign situated just inside the mouth of the car park entrance and facing down the Clatterway to show the location of the park entrance and the associated information for visitors. It was agreed to look at the same design and materials as for village walks and map.</li> <li>• <b>Grit bin temporary storage of flood sacks:</b> combination lock to be fitted.</li> <li>• <b>Other Improvement works:</b> in order of priority; seek walling quote; resurface path from vehicle park to church; rose border bulb planting and wildflower planting.</li> </ul> <p><b>(3) Play equipment:</b> it was agreed to form a working group to look at new play equipment needed and potential grant funding sources; Cllrs Grover and J. Smith offered to join this group.</p> <p><b>c) Speedwatch / traffic speed in village:</b> one Speedwatch training session had been held; the next on-road session was to be arranged. The Clerk reported public complaints about speeding incidents on the Dale including two leading to a cat being killed and a vehicle collision involving a delivery driver. Councillors noted this with concern. They considered a request for speed bumps but felt that given previous responses from the County Council to traffic signage requests this would not be approved. However it was agreed to renew Twenty's Plenty signage in the village, including the Dale, and to raise this problem as part of the meeting with Cllr Murphy and to refer the problem to the local police.</p> <p><b>d) Refuse collection:</b> Cllr Murphy explained that the collection problems were to be reviewed at a special District Council meeting 27<sup>th</sup> July. Councillors questioned whether those who were paying for green bin collection but getting reduced service would be compensated, and he said this would be raised at the meeting. Noted.</p> <p><b>e) Defibrillators: (1) Slaley</b> the Clerk outlined a request for support for a new unit for Slaley. Stephanie Clarke was to organise fundraising, It was agreed to support the proposal by purchasing the unit through the Parish Council, and providing subsequent maintenance support, and if necessary looking at some grant aid. Cllr Murphy offered to contribute via County/District grant funds available to Councillors, subject to checking that the criteria were met. Noted with thanks; <b>(2) Batteries:</b> agreed to approve purchase of replacement pads and batteries for the Dale unit at a cost of £82; <b>(3) Dale:</b> it was agreed to provide signage at the Chapel asking vehicle owners to park so as to allow 24 hour access to open the defibrillator unit, subject to approval from Judy Land at the chapel.</p> <p><b>f) Yeoman Street open space area:</b> it was agreed to submit the following scheme for improvement of the land by volunteers, and request DDDC removal of cuttings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spraying the paving with weed killer,( the weeds are too deep set to pull out);</li> <li>• Removing self-set sycamore and ash seedlings including large self-set ash in right hand front corner;</li> <li>• Cut back and reshape cotoneaster, potentilla, Ionicera and cypress bushes;</li> <li>• Remove Ivy and brambles from walls and trim a few dead minor branches from the cherry tree; remove ragwort and weeds growing from edge/kerb;</li> <li>• Remove stinging nettles under cherry tree /remove grass and weeds from beds;</li> <li>• Sanding and oiling bench/provide new bench.</li> </ul> <p><b>g) Yeoman Street and High Street road closures:</b> the Clerk reported that there would</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	<p>be 3 day road closures on 9-11 August and from 28<sup>th</sup> October for Severn Trent works. The Parish Council had asked that through traffic should not be diverted via the Dale/Uppertown. It was also agreed to request that signage should ensure that local businesses were still open, and that the vehicle park should be signposted to allow resident use only during the October closure period.</p> <p><b>h) Wildflower verges:</b> the District Council had requested proposals for verge sites for wildflower planting. It was agreed to support the scheme, and request suggestions from residents, and to propose the lower part of the Dale as a potential site.</p> <p><b>i) Fibre Broadband:</b> the fund organisers had advised that the grant application had been unsuccessful. A resident had proposed that the Parish Council should fund the work via the precept, but the Clerk advised that there were no powers to do this and Councillors agreed that in any event it would be too expensive a scheme.</p> <p><b>j) Village benches:</b> it was agreed to purchase two benches for the park and one for the Yeoman Street land at £80 each, and to consider other sites for benches at a future meeting if proposals were put forward.</p> <p><b>k) Village sign:</b> designs for a village sign were discussed and it was agreed to support this in principle and to seek views from residents on the preferred design and location, to be co-ordinated by the volunteer group that had initiated the project.</p> <p><b>l) Ward boundaries:</b> the retention of Masson ward was welcomed.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																																																												
20/07/9	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p><b>a) Monthly Payments received:</b> £100.00 memorial fee the late R. Loxley; £200 interment fee re the late J.G. Griffiths.</p> <p><b>b) Statement/ Annual Accounts:</b> the statement for period 3 detailing income and expenditure from 01 June to 01 July 2021 was approved.</p> <p><b>c) Grant application:</b> the Clerk reported that the application had been withdrawn.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="252 1234 1386 1832"> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>A Payne</td> <td>£479.74</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>P Spencer</td> <td>£207.20</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>M Biggin</td> <td>£241.98</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>£288.40</td> <td>PAYE month 4</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>Roy Johnson Landscape Services</td> <td>£211.20</td> <td>Park Mowing</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>John Barnacle J.D Properties</td> <td>£780.00</td> <td>WC doors</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>Aaron Tatum</td> <td>£120.00</td> <td>Tree works in park</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>Defib4Life Ltd</td> <td>£82.00</td> <td>Defibrillator batteries and pads</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>SGP Garden Machinery</td> <td>£148.14</td> <td>Strimmer repair</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>Twiggs Matlock</td> <td>Tbc c.£15.00</td> <td>WC electricity box lock</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>Amazon</td> <td>£50.00</td> <td>WC donation box</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>Seth Punchard</td> <td>£240.00</td> <td>Benches</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 (Park)</td> <td>£11.97</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Online</b>	A Payne	£479.74	Salary/expenses	<b>Online</b>	P Spencer	£207.20	Salary/expenses	<b>Online</b>	M Biggin	£241.98	Salary/expenses	<b>Online</b>	R Allsopp	£100.00	WC cleaning	<b>Online</b>	HMRC	£288.40	PAYE month 4	<b>Online</b>	Roy Johnson Landscape Services	£211.20	Park Mowing	<b>Online</b>	John Barnacle J.D Properties	£780.00	WC doors	<b>Online</b>	Aaron Tatum	£120.00	Tree works in park	<b>Online</b>	Defib4Life Ltd	£82.00	Defibrillator batteries and pads	<b>Online</b>	SGP Garden Machinery	£148.14	Strimmer repair	<b>Online</b>	Twiggs Matlock	Tbc c.£15.00	WC electricity box lock	<b>Online</b>	Amazon	£50.00	WC donation box	<b>Online</b>	Seth Punchard	£240.00	Benches	<b>DD</b>	Zoom Video Communications inc	£14.39	Meeting hosting fee	<b>DD</b>	E.ON (Park)	£11.97	Electricity	<p>Clerk</p>
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20/07/10	<p><b>PLANNING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>CM3/0817/40 Slinter Top Quarry:</b> consultation in relation to <b>(1)</b> an updated desk study and ecological walkover survey; <b>(2)</b> a Great Crested Newt survey; <b>(3)</b> the noise calculations used to inform the previously submitted Noise Assessment;. The Clerk and Cllr Grover outlined the background to the application and Cllr Grover read through the draft resolution that had been previously circulated. The Clerk also outlined comments from two residents that had been sent to the Council objecting to the application. After</li> </ul>																																																													

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discussion it was agreed to submit the comments as follows:

*Bonsall Parish Council previously made comment on the addendum submission on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2020, following their meeting on 21 July 2020.*

*The documents which we have now been invited to consult on are updated ecological and new surveys for which we have no comment, and the noise calculations used to inform the previously submitted Noise Assessment. Those noise calculations also form part of Sharp Acoustics (SAL) report of the 1st October 2020, on which we were not consulted, but which we will comment on now as follows.*

*We have not seen SAL's brief, but presume the engagement of SAL by DCC as an expert was at least in part prompted by our previous comment viz:*

*Sections 5.0 and 6.0 do not state how figures have been reached, what calculations were used, what facts were taken into account and what assumptions were made. An expert would not be able to make constructive comment let alone the public.*

*It seems evident that DCC were in a similar position to Bonsall residents and Parish Council, and could neither understand nor corroborate Slinter's noise report and predictions, hence SAL's instruction by DCC to produce a form of validation report. The report dated 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 is now available on the planning portal. Previous representations have been made regarding its availability to the public and that it could not have been commented on prior to the December 2020 planning meeting.*

*SAL have started their report by stating*

*"SAL Acoustics LLP (SAL) has been commissioned by Derbyshire County Council to assess an Environmental Impact Assessment Addendum (the 'Addendum') relating to a proposed extension to the working area at Slinter Top Quarry. SAL has been asked to provide clear and succinct advice that maybe used to inform a decision by Officers and the planning committee."*

*SAL in their report confirm that the calculations are correct and that they have been calculated in accordance with British Standards. They also say that they have not undertaken any noise surveys, which suggests that any recorded figures are uncorroborated. Residents have previously raised issues over the recording of sound by Vibrock. We have also recently been made aware of the Noise measurements by Kevan Walton Associates in 2001 as part of a previous application by Slinter to extend the working time of the quarry. The measurements by Kevan Walton appear to be at variance with predictions made by Vibrock, and add doubt as to the accuracy of the predictions which both DCC and Bonsall residents have issues with.*

*Para 2.9 of SAL's report says "No details are provided in the report as to how the 'predicted worst-case site noise levels' have been calculated. Instead, a table of results has simply been concluded." This table has been copied in below at Appendix 1.*

*Para 3.3 of SAL's report says "There had been no proper attempt, in the report, to set out the assumptions used in the prediction of noise levels in the community or provide details of the calculations undertaken."*

*SAL appear to be agreeing with Bonsall Parish Council's and Bonsall resident's previous representations about the adequacy of the calculations. Clearly the interpretation of the advice from SAL to DCC and the Planning Committee is that the report is unreliable and the noise predictions have no proper substance.*

*SAL have reproduced Vibrock's table of noise predictions in their report, which they refer to in para 2.9. Importantly it is The Predicted Worst Case Noise Levels, which are not evidenced or corroborated.*

*It should also be noted that Vibrock's Worst-Case Noise scenario at Rose Cottage (Church St) is 43dB, the same as the background noise level recorded at Clatterway Cottage. Clearly there is something wrong. Anyone who has experienced quarrying noise in Bonsall and the tranquillity when the quarry is not working will understand that those two noise levels cannot be the same.*

*Kevan Walton Associates in 2001 measured quarrying noise in Church St when the plant was below the quarry lip, this measurement was 44.3dB. Kevan Walton then went on to state that when landfill and restoration works were to be undertaken their predicted maximum noise level at Noise Sensitive Properties (Church St) would increase to 54dB. The difference between the two consultant's predictions is 11dB. It should be noted that Kevan Walton measured and published quarry noise data which Vibrock have failed to do. Vibrock's figures, as confirmed by SAL, are not evidenced and it would appear that Kevan Walton's figures are more reliable.*

*Whereas Vibrock are predicting that worst case noise is 5dB (43dB-38dB) above background*

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noise level at Church St, Kevan Walton are predicting that it will be 16dB (54dB-38dB) above background noise level. The noise levels could possibly be worse at other properties, subject to calculation. The acceptable limits on noise are 10db over background. Bonsall Parish Council's reservations on the reliability of Vibrock's report have now been mirrored by SAL's comments. This must be conveyed to the Planning Committee to inform their decision.  
**Appendix 1: Table of figures prepared by Vibrock and reproduced by SAL**

Location	Background Noise Level dB L <sub>Aeq,2h</sub> (free-field)	Noise Limit in accordance with PPG and Condition 13	Predicted Worst-Case Site Noise Level dB L <sub>Aeq,2h</sub> (free-field)	Difference between Site Noise and Recommended Limit
The Bungalow, Via Gellia Road	40	50	45	-5
Duke Street, Middleton	35	45	44	-1
Rose End Avenue, Cromford	39	49	44	-5
Clatterway Cottage, Bonsall	43	53	46	-7
Rose Cottage, Bonsall	38	48	43	-5

- **21/00741/FUL Sunnyside Cottage The Dale:** two storey extension (resubmission): After reviewing the submitted plans it was agreed to make no objection. Clerk
- **NP/DDD/0621/0658 Horse Dale Farm The Dale:** change of use of first floor and part of ground floor of barn to holiday accommodation After reviewing the submitted plans it was agreed to agreed to make no objection. Clerk
- **DCC Planning Services Statement Of Community Involvement:** consultation on draft Statement: it was agreed to submit a general comment in relation to public consultation, drawn from the experience of involvement in the current DCC minerals application, that there should be a duty upon the applicant in such cases to proactively consult with affected communities, and to assist communities in the consultation process and in understanding and measuring potential impact of proposed development. Clerk
- **DCC Local Information Requirements for the Validation of Planning Applications:** Draft for Consultation: agreed to make no comment.
- **Memorial Application:** L Petts Stonemasons Ltd. The Clerk reported on the terms of the Burial Policy. After viewing the drawings it was agreed to approve the application. Clerk

20/07/11 **Items for Information: DALC Circular 09-2021**

20/07/12 **Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 17th August 2021 at 7.30pm.**

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