

Bonsall Parish Council
Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th November 2020 at 7.30pm by remote video and audio link

Chair of the Council: Cllr Mark Harris

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Minute No	Item	Action
17/11/1	Present: Cllrs Addis Barry Grover Harris J. Smith and S. Smith, County Cllr Ratcliffe, District Cllr Purdy, Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO). Three members of the public.	
17/11/2	Apologies for Absence: District Cllr Pawley and Cllr Pountain; it was agreed to formally accept the apology from Cllr Pountain on account of difficulties attending remote meetings.	
17/11/3	Variation to the Order of Business: None.	
17/11/4	Declaration of Interests: None.	
17/11/5	<p>Public Speaking:</p> <p>Street lamp at the bus shelter: Cllr Ratcliffe reported that work was due to put in a new lamp as it had not been possible to date to reconnect the existing lamp standard; if it could be later repaired then the new lamp would be removed.</p> <p>Slinter Top Quarry planning application: Cllr Ratcliffe reported that the application was now due to be heard by the County Council at either the December or January planning committee meetings of the County Council. Cllr Ratcliffe understood that the recent Environmental Impact Study had gone a long way towards meeting the objections of the Peak Park Authority. The main remaining issue in her view was noise, but County Council and District Council readings had shown that these were within the legal limits set by legislation. The County Council had also commissioned an independent noise assessment which had also found noise to be within legal limits. The Council had considered whether the cumulative noise impact of two quarries working could be taken into account (Dene and Slinter), but it was not legally possible to do that. For the planning application, noise levels needed to be assessed against current legislation, and although it might be possible to seek to lobby to change the criteria, in the meantime those had to be taken into account, otherwise any refusal decision based on noise was likely to be rejected at appeal. The noise assessments had been undertaken by professionals at the District and County Council, and most recently an independent body. Cllr Grover commented that it was important not to confuse the current noise levels from the site with those that might be generated as a result of the planning application; if there were problems at present with plant working at a low level behind bunds then these would be exacerbated with plant working unscreened at higher levels. Cllr Grover expressed concern that the independent survey had not been subject to public consultation; Cllr Ratcliffe said that was not part of the planning process but there should be an opportunity to comment on it when the officer's report on the planning application came out. (See further item 17/11/8 (a)).</p> <p>Covid Business Support Grants: Cllr Purdy said that these were being advertised on the District Council website and anyone who may benefit is encouraged to apply (see https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/services-business/business-support-events-funding/coronavirus-support-for-businesses).</p> <p>Green waste bins: there had been a good take up of the 'Early Bird' offer of £35 payment for the first year, and this was still available up to 31st January 2021 (https://www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/subscribe-to-garden-waste).</p> <p>Motocross: a representative from the company operating the motocross site spoke about how they wanted to listen to and respond to the concerns of residents. The Chair said that the Council had received over 50 complaints, that the complainants were from different areas of the village, and key issues were noise, traffic, dust and environmental impact. Traffic through the narrow roads of Slaley was a particular recent concern. Cllr Addis commented that the noise complaints had increased hugely over the last 18 months, from occasional use to daily use and persistent noise. It was this intensification that was the key issue. Problems had been worst since the end of lockdown.</p>	

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	<p>A resident expressed concern that supporters of activity on the site believed that it was ‘in the middle of nowhere’, whereas it was in the Peak National Park and use impacted on local residents, and asked what responsibility the operators took for the impact of activities.</p> <p>The representative said that they had closed during the first lockdown and had done so again although there was not a legal requirement to do so. They had only been made aware in the last six months of the level of concern about their activity when contacted by the District Council Environmental Health team. They did not expect noise to travel as far as they had been told by Environmental Health that it did, and were looking to put noise barriers in place and measure noise on the site. They were also going to close one day each weekend in order to reduce noise impact for residents; this would be weather dependent so could not be a fixed day each weekend. Dust was not a winter issue but they had sought to manage it during the summer months by water sprinkling, despite it being a very dry summer.</p> <p>Traffic management: at weekends there had been a volunteer until 10.00am directing traffic up the Via Gellia to avoid Black Tor Road and the centre of the village; this was going to be extended until 11.00am. There was also going to be a marshall on Leys Lane to stop traffic leaving the site and returning via Slaley, although problems had arisen due to blocked access at the end of Leys lane. They said that they were keen to work with the village and not against it to make things run as smoothly as possible for everyone.</p>	
17/11/6	<p>Minutes of the last meeting: The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 20th October 2020.</p>	
17/11/7	<p>Chair’s Announcements: None</p>	
17/11/8	<p>VILLAGE MATTERS</p> <p>a) Quarrying update: following from the comments of Cllr Ratcliffe during Public Speaking, the Clerk reported that the County Council planning committee meeting dates were either 7th December or 11th January 2021. It was agreed to record thanks to Cllr Grover for his work in monitoring and reporting developments on this subject.</p> <p>b) Motocross site former White Low mine: the comments on behalf of the operating company were noted. Cllr Addis reported that a petition was circulating in support of the operation, and the Chair reported that statements were being sought in relation to length of use of the site. Noted.</p> <p>c) Park: it was agreed that no further works were needed at present.</p> <p>d) Speedwatch Scheme: the Clerk reported that a grant of £200 had been received from the County Council, and it was agreed to thank Cllr Ratcliffe for her support on that. There was an online training session for the new scheme; Cllrs Addis Grover and Harris offered to undertake this, and it was agreed to advertise in Mutterings for additional volunteers.</p> <p>e) Street lighting at bus shelter: the Clerk reported on the County Council proposal to install a new light at the bus shelter due to technical difficulties with reconnecting power to the existing traditional lamp standard. The County Council had said that the new unit would be removed if they were able to resolve the connection problem. There was concern that the original light may not be reinstated, but it was agreed to support the installation of the new unit in the interests of safety, but to continue to press for restoration of the original lamp standard in this part of the conservation area.</p> <p>f) Weed collection scheme and volunteer leaf sweeping: the District Council had confirmed that the weed collection scheme could start when needed and that bags would be provided. It was noted that Cllr Purdy would check again as to whether the Council would collect leaf bags filled by volunteers to deal with the Clatterway problem. It was also agreed to ask the Green and Clean Team to sweep the Clatterway in the meantime (ideally on an agreed day when cars could be removed).</p> <p>g) Ash die-back: the District Council Tree and Landscape Officer had sent links to advice on ash die-back; it was agreed to make these available for the benefit of residents via Mutterings Facebook and the website.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>h) Churchyard: the Clerk explained a proposal to create an area for interment of ashes along the length of the wall to the school in the Parish Council cemetery. There was no such facility at present in the cemetery, and the Church had advised that the site in the closed churchyard could no longer be used for new interments. It was agreed to support this in principle on the basis that ashes would be marked by level plaques only, and to consult on the proposal in Mutterings before considering the issue again.</p> <p>i) WC improvements: after discussion it was agreed to purchase new roll dispensers ((estimated cost £200) and soap dispensers (£150) using District Council grant recently approved, and to delegate purchase to the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair. It was agreed not to proceed with installation of hot water units at present on grounds of cost and limited evidence of need.</p> <p>j) Satnav system errors in village: it was noted that at least one Satnav company had made changes to their mapping to exclude Bankside; it was agreed to check an HGV Satnav system as to whether it was shown as a through route. Cllr Grover explained a problem for the Clatterway area in that the DE4 2AH postcode on Google maps is incorrectly sited and this led to delivery drivers being misdirected to Church Street; efforts were being made to try to correct this but in the meantime prominent house name signage for Clatterway residents would help. Noted.</p> <p>k) Website: the Council's website company Pigeontech had agreed to undertake work to finalise the website transfer at the budgeted cost of £350. Noted.</p> <p>l) Community Recognition scheme: Further to minute 20/10/8 (n) of 20th October 2020, the Council considered and approved eight nominations under the scheme for contribution to the community. It was agreed that the Clerk should make arrangements for offer of £20 vouchers on the basis previously applied by arrangement with the Kings Head Barley Mow Fountain Tea Rooms and Shop, and Hollies Farm.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																								
17/11/9	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Monthly Payments received: £200 Derbyshire County Council grant towards speed gun purchase; £30 memorial fee Percivals re the late L. Pearson.</p> <p>b) Statement/ Annual Accounts: the statement for period 7 detailing income and expenditure from 01 to 29 October 2020 was approved.</p> <p>c) Accounts for payment: payments as below were approved.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="229 1451 1390 1675"> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>A Payne</td> <td>£377.88</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>R Allsopp</td> <td>£95.00</td> <td>WC cleaning</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Roy Johnson Landscape Services</td> <td>£211.20</td> <td>Park Mowing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Amazon</td> <td>£350</td> <td>Soap dispensers (2); roll holders (4)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>Zoom Video</td> <td>£14.39</td> <td>Meeting hosting fee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>E.ON (Park)</td> <td>£8.44</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> </table>	Online	A Payne	£377.88	Salary/expenses	Online	R Allsopp	£95.00	WC cleaning	Online	Roy Johnson Landscape Services	£211.20	Park Mowing	Online	Amazon	£350	Soap dispensers (2); roll holders (4)	DD	Zoom Video	£14.39	Meeting hosting fee	DD	E.ON (Park)	£8.44	Electricity	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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17/11/10	<p>PLANNING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20/01089/FUL Yew Tree House Clatterway: demolition and replacement of existing side extension and new rear extension. It was agreed to make no objection to this application. Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan - Sand and Gravel Consultation: after discussion it was agreed to make no comments on this consultation document. 	<p>Clerk</p>																								
17/11/11	<p>Items for Information: DALC Circular 11-2020</p>																									
17/11/12	<p>Next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 15th December 2020 at 7.30pm. It was noted that future meetings would continue to have to be held remotely; to be reviewed in February 2021.</p>																									

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