

**Bonsall Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th October 2020 at 7.30pm by**  
**remote video and audio link**

**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
20/10/1	<b>Present:</b> Cllrs Addis Barry Grover Harris and S. Smith, County Cllr Ratcliffe, District Cllr Pawley and Purdy, Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO). One member of the public.	
20/10/2 20/10/3	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllrs J. Smith and Pountain; it was agreed to formally accept the apology for absence from Cllr Pountain on account of difficulties attending remote meetings.  <b>Variation to the Order of Business:</b> None.	
20/10/4	<b>Declaration of Interests:</b> None.	
20/10/5	<b>Public Speaking:</b>  <b>Motocross:</b> Cllr Pawley said that the District Council Environmental Health team were continuing to respond to complaints about noise and also potential soil pollution. A member of the Bonsall Moor Action group said that they had conducted a survey the previous Sunday which showed a high level of traffic and vehicle speeding through Slaley associated with the motocross site. There was concern about the impact on quality of life for residents and safety of road users and in particular cyclists and some incidents of aggressive driving were reported. The road surface at Black Tor road was in poor condition with erosion and potholes due to additional use. Cllr Purdy said that these were all issues for the highways department and the police, and he gave contact details for that. Cllr Ratcliffe said that she would raise the problem with the local police and Police and Crime Commissioner, and that she had reported the road surface problem.  <b>Electoral Boundary Commission:</b> Cllr Pawley said that various views were being put forward as to how the reduction (from two to one) in Councillors for Masson ward should be dealt with. Cllr Purdy said that there would be no choice about the reduction, but that it would not affect Parish Council boundaries.  <b>Local Government reorganisation:</b> Cllr Purdy said that the government had recently announced that the review process was being suspended, and had indicated that the 'Vision for Derbyshire' proposal was likely to be accepted, which would mean retention of the County Council and District Councils.  <b>District Council and Climate Change:</b> Cllr Purdy reported that the Council was going to appoint an officer to co-ordinate the Council's work to reduce carbon footprint by 2030, and also to help the public and local businesses with that. The Council was working with a local group (the Derbyshire Dales Climate Hub ( <a href="https://derbyshiredalesclimatehub.wordpress.com/">https://derbyshiredalesclimatehub.wordpress.com/</a> )). The group had produced a questionnaire on action that should be taken, and residents were encouraged to complete that ( <a href="https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/HMgZ4FfR">https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/HMgZ4FfR</a> ).  <b>Covid 19:</b> Cllr Purdy urged continued public vigilance as the District was surrounded by areas of high intensity infection rates and it was inevitable that there would be increased cases locally.	
20/10/6	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2020.	
20/10/7	<b>Chair's Announcements:</b> None	
20/10/8	<b>VILLAGE MATTERS</b>  a) <b>Quarrying update:</b> there was no new information in relation to the Slinger Top quarry planning application. Cllr Grover reported that the Quarry Liaison group had discussed	

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	<p>complaints of noise associated with a mobile crusher working at high level at Dene quarry; the County Council had said that the noise readings were within limits. Noted.</p> <p><b>b) Motocross site former White Low mine:</b> the Clerk had written as requested to the Director of Regulatory Services at the District Council in relation to noise complaints and potential soil contamination. The Director said that complaints were being fully assessed within the terms of the legislation. There was no new information from the Peak District National Park Authority in relation to the progress of the appeal. The Chair reported that there had been a lot of activity at the weekend and Monday/Tuesday, and that he had received three complaints in relation to noise levels. Noted. It was agreed to use additional Twenty's Plenty signage around Slaley to try to reduce traffic speeding.</p> <p><b>c) Park:</b> it was agreed to seek costs for work to remove self-seeded trees from the cliff on the bank in order to open the view from the bench on the top path. It was also agreed to leave netting in place on the newly seeded area to the park throughout the winter.</p> <p><b>d) Leaf sweeping:</b> Cllr Grover reported problems with leaf fall on the Clatterway that would block gullies, and also that residents were less likely to undertake voluntary clearance work once charging for green bins commenced. A complaint about this had also been received. It was agreed to ask DDDC to provide bags and free collection for leaves cleared from the highway.</p> <p><b>e) Flood warden scheme:</b> the Chair said that he still had flood sacks for distribution to residents and would write again to Flood wardens; it was agreed to advertise availability again via Mutterings. The Clerk reported a grant of £200 received from the District Council Local Projects Fund towards additional sacks; it was agreed to thank Cllrs Pawley and Purdy for their help on that, and to defer purchase until the quantity needed was established and storage location(s) could be agreed. Cllr S. Smith offered to liaise with the Village Hall Committee on storage at the hall; noted with thanks.</p> <p><b>f) HGV weight limits: (1) The Bank;</b> the County Council proposal for additional warning signage at the top of the bank was welcomed; it was agreed to ask the County Council to incorporate a warning for long wheel-based vehicles as well as HGVs. The Clerk said that there had been no progress to date with the County Council in notifying Satnav companies; it was agreed to report the issue to Ordnance Survey whose mapping system was said to be used by these companies.<b>(2) Village access:</b> it was agreed to ask the County Council to improve the warning sign on the Via Gellia at the mill to make it clearer that HGVs were prohibited from making the right turn to the Clatterway except for access; Cllr S. Smith agreed to suggest suitable wording.</p> <p><b>g) Street light repair at park:</b> the Clerk reported that there had been no response from the County Council street lighting team to two emails sent since the beginning of September asking for progress in restoring this light; noted with disappointment and agreed to complain to the Council in respect of the lack of action and response.</p> <p><b>h) Twenty's Plenty signage at park:</b> a resident had expressed concern that the sign at the entrance to the vehicle park obstructed the sight line when exiting; agreed that Pete Spencer and Cllr Barry would look at alternative locations.</p> <p><b>i) Speed gun purchase:</b> the clerk reported a grant of £200 offered by the County Council towards the £500 cost of purchase of a speed gun which could be used by volunteers; it was agreed to purchase and noted that this could be used to help with traffic issues in Slaley associated with the motocross.</p> <p><b>j) Parish Statement:</b> the Council approved the final version of the Parish Statement which had been prepared by the Peak District National Park (previously circulated)</p> <p><b>k) Website:</b> there was a technical issue delaying progress which required the input of the Parish Council's website management company (PigeonTech) to resolve. It was agreed that if necessary PigeonTech should be paid for any necessary work on their</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/Cllr S. Smith</p> <p>Clerk/Cllr S. Smith</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	<p>part using the budget allocated for this.</p> <p><b>l) Grit arrangements:</b> it was agreed that the Clerk should make the necessary arrangements with Pete Spencer and Sam Hopkinson for supply and distribution of grit.</p> <p><b>m) Remembrance Service arrangements:</b> Canon Keith Orford had advised that the service this year would be held within the church building (as against then going on the memorial at the Cross as usual) in order to comply with their risk assessment requirements. It was agreed that the Chair Mark Harris would lay the wreath in church along with the others, and then after the service take it to be placed at the memorial.</p> <p><b>n) Community Recognition scheme:</b> it was agreed to re-apply the scheme used in 2016 for ex-gratia recognition of voluntary work within the village. Councillors were asked to submit names for consideration to the Clerk before the next meeting when the scheme awards would be finalised.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Harris</p> <p>All Cllrs</p>																																												
20/10/9	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p><b>a) Monthly Payments received:</b> £200 Greatorex and Sons interment fee; £3000 DDDC grant for WC transfer; £200 Local Projects Fund for flood sacks; £100 memorial fee re the late RH Brown.</p> <p><b>b) Statement/ Annual Accounts:</b> the statement for period 6 detailing income and expenditure from 01 September to 01 October 2020 was approved.</p> <p><b>c) Accounts for payment:</b> payments as below were approved.</p> <p><b>d) Half year budget:</b> the draft budget which had been previously circulated was approved, and it was agreed to bring proposals for improvements to the public toilets using the grant payment to the Council before the end of the year.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>A Payne</td> <td>£607.93</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>P Spencer</td> <td>£328.42</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>M Biggin</td> <td>£306.01</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>R Allsopp</td> <td>£95.00</td> <td>WC cleaning</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>Valley View Landscapes</td> <td>£600.00</td> <td>Work to park</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>009</b></td> <td>Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal</td> <td>£50.00</td> <td>Wreath and donation</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></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>£8.44</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>DD</b></td> <td>E.ON (The Cross)</td> <td>£42.77</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Online</b>	A Payne	£607.93	Salary/expenses	<b>Online</b>	P Spencer	£328.42	Salary/expenses	<b>Online</b>	M Biggin	£306.01	Salary/expenses	<b>Online</b>	R Allsopp	£95.00	WC cleaning	<b>Online</b>	Roy Johnson Landscape Services	£211.20	Park Mowing	<b>Online</b>	Valley View Landscapes	£600.00	Work to park	<b>009</b>	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£50.00	Wreath and donation					<b>DD</b>	Zoom Video Communications inc	£14.39	Meeting hosting fee	<b>DD</b>	E.ON (Park)	£8.44	Electricity	<b>DD</b>	E.ON (The Cross)	£42.77	Electricity	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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20/10/10	<p><b>PLANNING:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tree Works Application T/20/00137/TPO:</b> works to tree subject to Tree Preservation Order 019 - Dismantle and remove 1 no. Ash tree at 63 High Street; after discussion it was agreed to make no objection to this application.</li> </ul>	<p>Clerk</p>																																												
20/10/11	<p><b>Items for Information: DALC Circular 10-2020</b></p>																																													
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