

Bonsall Parish Council

Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th August 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
18/08/1	Present: Cllrs Addis Barry Grover Harris S. Smith and J. Smith, County Cllr Ratcliffe, District Cllr Purdy and Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO). One member of the public.	
18/08/2	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Pountain.	
18/08/3	Variation to the Order of Business: None.	
18/08/4	Declaration of Interests: None.	
18/08/5	Public Speaking: Schools and library: Cllr Ratcliffe reported that additional government funding had been provided to the County Council for school transport to meet social distancing requirements. Matlock library is now open. Slinter Top quarry: Cllr Ratcliffe said that there was still no date as to when the planning application would be heard. The District Council Environmental Health department and the Peak District Park Planning Authority had not yet submitted comments on the latest Environmental Noise report; noise was still being monitored at the quarry. Green bin collection: Cllr Purdy said that some collections in the District had been affected due to an employee contracting Covid-19 virus; he apologised for any problems and said that this underlined the need for continued caution in relation to the virus locally. Local Government and planning reorganisation: Cllr Purdy explained that the government's proposals to merge Councils were opposed locally by all parties. There was also concern that the proposed changes to the planning system would mean that financial benefits negotiated as part of planning applications for major developments would be pooled nationally rather than be available for local use. Leisure Centre and refuse contracts: Cllr Purdy said that the District Council had approved additional finance to their contractor Freedom Leisure to allow facilities to re-open; the company had not been eligible for business support because it was a not –for –profit organisation. Additional funding had also had to be provided to SERCO to enable continued refuse collection.	
18/08/6	Minutes of the last meeting: The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 21 st July 2020.	Clerk
18/08/7	Chair's Announcements: None.	
18/08/8	VILLAGE MATTERS a) Slinter Top Quarry update: several complaints had been received about pecking and rock fall noise from 7.00am from quarrying on the 18 th (subsequently said by County Council to come from Dene Quarry). Cllr Grover said that the planning application process was still slow, and that residents should still submit any comments to the County Council about the noise report; the Clerk confirmed that although an extension for comments had only been given until 7 th August the County Council had previously accepted comments up until the due date for the application hearing. The position was noted, and it was agreed to advise residents of that via Mutterings. b) Park: (1) Removal of dead elm: it was agreed to accept the quote from Aaron Tatam for £150 to fell the tree and stack the wood on the bank, noting that the wood would be available for any residents to take away. (2) Removal of former ducking stool: thanks were	Clerk

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	that face to face Council meetings should not be held at present. It was agreed to review the holding of the AGM again in November, and review how meetings are held if the guidance changes.				Clerk
18/08/9	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Payments received: The monthly Statement/ Annual Accounts: the statement for period 4 detailing income and expenditure from 02 July to 31 July 2020 was approved.</p> <p>b) Accounts for payment: payments as below were approved.</p> <p>c) Annual audit by PKF Littlejohn LLP: it was noted that the audit had been successfully concluded and that the required public notice of this had been given.</p>				
	Online	A Payne	£701.26	Salary/expenses	
	Online	P Spencer	£249.46	Salary/expenses	
	Online	M Biggin	£133.83	Salary/expenses	
	Online	R Allsopp	£95.00	WC cleaning	
	Online	Roy Johnson Landscape Services	£316.80	Park Mowing	
	Online	PKF Littlejohn LLP	£240.00	Audit fee	
	Online	Barriers UK	£332.62	Highways mirror	
	DD	Zoom Video Communications inc	£14.39	Meeting hosting fee	
	DD	E.ON (Park)	£7.91	Electricity	
	Online	A Payne	£701.26	Salary/expenses	
	Online	P Spencer	£249.46	Salary/expenses	Clerk
18/08/10	<p>PLANNING:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T/20/00076/TCA 67 High Street: works to group of trees; it was noted that this application had been determined by the District Council on 17th August so it was not considered. • T/20/00109/TCA 20 Church Street: fallen Sycamore stem and group of Sycamore stems on rock face - Dismantle and fell to ground level; it was agreed to make no objection to this application. • 20/00524/FUL Dodys Cottage The Dale: erection of a two-storey rear extension and replacement of existing conservatory with a garden room; it was agreed to make no objection to this application. • Changes to the Current planning system: government proposals for changes to the planning system had been circulated, together with consultation questions from Derbyshire Association of Local Councils. After discussion it was agreed to submit the following comments: “Item 2 (2. In the stock element of the baseline, do you agree that 0.5% of existing stock for the standard method is appropriate? No it is not appropriate because it does not take into account the number of unbuilt houses for which planning permission has already been approved in a given area. (The same argument applies to the calculation of numbers of “affordable” houses in item 8). Item 15 (15. Do you agree with the removal of the site size threshold set out in the National Planning Policy Framework?) No. Increasing the threshold will reduce the level of infrastructure required to be provided by developers. (See page 60 of “Planning for the Future”. Pillar Three- planning for infrastructure and connected places available at the site below https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/planning-for-the-future). 				Clerk

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	<p>This applies to several of the subsequent points about “size threshold”; there does not seem to be a threshold associated with an area rather than with an individual developer. For example: If the threshold is 51 units. Three separate developers could build 50 units each giving a total of 150 units without any infrastructure requirements. Whereas an individual developer could not build 150 units without the accompanying cost of infrastructure. This already causes problems with respect to lack of Health Centres, Parks, Schools and so on.</p> <p>It was generally considered that the changes to the system proposed did not take into account the planning approvals that were already in place for housing development but which were unbuilt, which countered the case for the changes being put forward.”</p>	Clerk
18/08/11	Items for Information: DALC Circular 08-2020	
18/08/12	Date of next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 7.30pm.	

Signed