

Bonsall Parish Council
Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st July 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
21/07/1	Present: Cllrs Addis Barry Grover S. Smith and J. Smith, County Cllr Ratcliffe, and Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO). Four members of the public.	
21/07/2	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Harris and Pountain, District Cllrs Pawley and Purdy. It was agreed to formally accept the apology for absence from Cllr Pountain on account of difficulties attending remote meetings.	
21/07/3	Variation to the Order of Business: None.	
21/07/4	Declaration of Interests: Cllr Addis declared an interest in item 21/07/9(b) accounts for payment in relation to reimbursement of plant purchase to him and took no part in the discussion or decision.	
21/07/5	Public Speaking: County Council issues: Cllr Ratcliffe said that work was ongoing to manage social distancing on streets. Illegal parking had been a major problem at visitor sites. In response to a question she said that the waste recycling centre at Darley Dale was still opening on the post-lockdown arrangements but she would pass on comments about changing to the open access system. Motocross: members of the Bonsall Moor Action Group said that those who had complaints about the motocross activity on the former White Low mine site should continue to keep logs of noise and incidents and submit them to the County Council (or District Council for noise issues). In the event of the planning issue going to appeal and a public enquiry then the Group would ask residents to submit their recollections about previous levels of use in support of the Council.	
21/07/6	Minutes of the last meeting: The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 16 th June 2020.	Clerk
21/07/7	Chair's Announcements: None.	
21/07/8	VILLAGE MATTERS a) Park: (1) Repairs to football pitch: it was agreed to accept the quote from Valley View Landscapes for £450 plus VAT for filling holes and reseeding the pitch, on the basis that it was considered to give the best value for undertaking the work. It was also agreed that additional goalpost holes would be dug to enable the goalmouth areas to be moved to reduce wear in one location. (2) Mowing around the play area; the arrangement for the Parish Council contractor to continue to mow the whole of the grounds including the play area (and for the District Council to cease to also mow the small area around the play equipment) was agreed. (3) Dead elm above the vehicle park: it was agreed to seek quotes for the removal of this tree and report to the next meeting. (4) Former ducking stool/scrap metal left in vehicle park: Cllr J Smith said that this was the remains of the equipment used for carnival. It could no longer be used and was a hazard in the current location. . After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would seek to arrange for removal without charge. (5) Vandalism to benches: two benches on the bank had been vandalised on Sunday 19 th July, one had been destroyed and the other damaged but could be repaired. Agreed to ask via Mutterings for people to be aware and to report any incidents. (6) Skateboarding: skateboard tracks were being constructed again and there was a risk of accidental damage to the walls; it was agreed that while it was welcome to see children able to use the park again parents should be asked via Mutterings to avoid any damage. (7) Abandoned vehicle: a car appeared to have been abandoned in the	

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	<p>vehicle park near the entrance; it was agreed to ask the District Council to apply the statutory procedure for removal.</p> <p>b) Covid 19 Community support group: there were no issues to report. Noted.</p> <p>c) Motocross site former White Low mine: the Clerk reported that since the last meeting an Enforcement Notice had been served by the Peak District National Park Authority requiring the current motocross activity to cease by 21st August 2020. There was a right of appeal, but the PDNPA had advised that to date this had not been done. It was agreed to review the position in relation to any appeal at the next meeting.</p> <p>d) Signage on the Bank for large vehicles: Cllrs Addis and Barry reported on recent damage to vehicles and walling caused by lorries or long based commercial vehicles attempting to use the Bank. It was considered that existing signage was ineffective and ignored by drivers following Satnav systems. County Cllr Ratcliffe said that she would pass on the complaint to the County Council with a view to Satnav system operators being advised, and to arranging a site visit to discuss locations for signage. Noted with thanks.</p> <p>e) Flood warden group: the minutes of the group meeting of 14th July were discussed. It was agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to welcome DCC intention to prepare a timed Action Plan and conduct site visit by early August; • that in order to accommodate all Cllrs involved, to ask for the site meeting to be in the week commencing 17th August (and if not possible 10th August); • to monitor the response of DCC Highways on their proposed works including in relation to Yeoman Street Clatterway and Nether Green; • to await the further information that had been requested from the Council in relation to support for grant applications to the Environment Agency, and generally; • to proceed with preparation of Flood Warden Plan as outlined. <p>f) Siting of the pebbles stones and shells around the Cross: it was agreed to support the proposal from Kathryn Punchard that there should be a permanent location for the display, although the suggestion of the bandstand wall at the Cross was not thought suitable as it would be difficult to fix the items in place without losing the effect. It was agreed to suggest that the school should be asked if they would be able to accommodate it.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																																												
21/07/9	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Payments received: The monthly Statement/ Annual Accounts: the statement for period 3 detailing income and expenditure from 01 June to 01 July 2020 was approved.</p> <p>b) Accounts for payment: payments as below were approved.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="229 1406 1386 1827"> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>A Payne</td> <td>£457.59</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>P Spencer</td> <td>£215.57</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>M Biggin</td> <td>£118.34</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>Richard Swales</td> <td>£58.00</td> <td>Planters</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Phil Addis</td> <td>£56.42</td> <td>Plants (reimbursement)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Linda Wells Hollies Farm</td> <td>£8.50</td> <td>Compost</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Amazon</td> <td>£26.17</td> <td>Defibrillator batteries</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>Zoom Video Communications inc</td> <td>£14.39</td> <td>Meeting hosting fee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>E.ON (Park)</td> <td>£42.29</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> </table>	Online	A Payne	£457.59	Salary/expenses	Online	P Spencer	£215.57	Salary/expenses	Online	M Biggin	£118.34	Salary/expenses	Online	R Allsopp	£95.00	WC cleaning	Online	Roy Johnson Landscape Services	£211.20	Park Mowing	Online	Richard Swales	£58.00	Planters	Online	Phil Addis	£56.42	Plants (reimbursement)	Online	Linda Wells Hollies Farm	£8.50	Compost	Online	Amazon	£26.17	Defibrillator batteries	DD	Zoom Video Communications inc	£14.39	Meeting hosting fee	DD	E.ON (Park)	£42.29	Electricity	<p>Clerk</p>
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21/07/10	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM3/0817/40 Additional Information Slinter Top Quarry: Noise Impact Report dated 21 May 2020: after discussion it was agreed that the following comments should be approved for submission to the County Council: <p>“Page 2 of the covering letter to the addendum states “<i>Overall, the proposal has</i></p>																																													

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been improved because of statutory body and public consultation as part of an iterative planning application and EIA process". Bonsall Parish Council reiterates its disappointment that the public and in particular Bonsall residents have not been involved with or kept informed of the processes as prescribed in the Derbyshire Minerals and Waste Development Framework, Statement of Community Involvement- adopted December 2006. This has been previously highlighted as an issue in both Bonsall Parish Councils earlier responses and in public consultation responses.

Section 2.4.23 states "*The preparation of the Outline Noise Management Strategy involved meeting with Derbyshire County Council Officers and a delegation of Bonsall Parish Council. This has enabled all matters arising from the recent unplanned temporary Emergency Works to be considered*" Bonsall Parish Council requested a site visit as minuted at their meeting 20th November 2018, and this was initially refused (as minuted 18th December 2018). In March 2019 the request was finally agreed, and two Bonsall Parish Councillors and a resident visited on 11th March 2019, there were no DCC officers present. As a result of that visit, on 19th March 2019 the Parish Council agreed an additional submission to the County Council which was sent 20th March 2019 expressing further concern about the planning proposals which the visit had raised. The Parish Council does not accept that the report at paragraph 2.4.23 (repeated on page 43 at para. 6.5) fully states the correct position. It also requests that for the record this be clarified.

The Parish Council welcomes the statement in the final paragraph of the covering letter i.e. "*The Applicant is prepared to agree appropriate modern planning conditions with Derbyshire County Council to control the outward effects of its operations. This includes in relation to the measures set out in Outline Noise Management Strategy*"

Screening bunds are mentioned but not described in detail and the Parish Council would question how their effectiveness has been evaluated and calculated? It is also questionable how bunds can be adequately constructed to the face of the quarry facing Bonsall. The bund mentioned in section 2.3.10 is noted as 2.5m high. The effectiveness of this bund is immediately questionable as earth moving, breaking and loading plant will be operating above the level of the bund. There are no details of acoustic calculations or references from other quarries that have successfully used these methods.

Bonsall Parish Council welcomes the applicant's agreement, which reflects resident's requests for the Noise Policy Statement for England (NPSE) to be fully adopted. The number of noise complaints has demonstrated the previously quoted National Planning Guidance noise limits to be inadequate and outdated. Section 2 of the Addendum records the aims of the NPSE:

- avoid significant adverse impacts on health and quality of life;
- mitigate and minimise adverse impacts on health and quality of life; and
- where possible, contribute to the improvement of health and quality of life.

Bonsall Parish Council notes the lack of calculations or independent expert opinion that demonstrates Slinter Quarries consultant's assertions. There is no demonstration of how noise generated from quarrying will be adequately mitigated to meet the NPSE aims.

Bonsall Parish Council expect that agreed noise limits should reflect noise generated by Slinter Quarry before the emergency works and not exceed the amount of noise typically generated since February 2020 when there have not been any noise complaints from non-blasting activities.

It is noted that no further consideration has been made to the effect of noise on Bonsall's Conservation Area, the SSSIs and the Derwent Valley World Heritage Site. Previous consultation responses to Derbyshire County Council have raised very important issues regarding the effect of noise on wildlife, tourism and Bonsall's businesses, again it is disappointing that over a year later no consideration has been given to these issues.

Reference is made in the covering letter to "*the important socio-economic role of Slinter Top Mining in Derbyshire*" however Bonsall Parish Council note that Slinter Mining have chosen not to evaluate the socio-economic impact of increased quarrying on Bonsall's local businesses. A large number of these businesses are

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	<p>sensitive to noise and their displacement could far exceed any benefit from extended Quarrying. Paragraph 2.4.32 states “<i>The use of a hydraulic pecker would be used only where strictly necessary to do so</i>”. Previously the pecker was used constantly after blasting and presumably that will no longer be the case. Page 2 of the covering letter states that this is a “<i>Comprehensive response</i>”. Bonsall Parish Council note that although this submission is substantive, there is an amount of repetition and confusion but importantly it does not provide a clear picture or indeed a method statement of how the quarrying in noise sensitive processes will be carried out. This will make it very difficult for Bonsall residents to comment. 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. Page 2 of the covering letter states “<i>The EIA Addendum hereby submitted demonstrates that the proposals as amended would not result in significant adverse noise effects.</i>” Bonsall Parish Council does not agree with this statement as it is a hypothetical statement without adequate support, however we welcome further submissions and dialogue on the matters raised”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tree Works Application T/20/00076/TCA: Land To The rear Of 67 High Street; this item could not be considered as it had been withdrawn from the District Council website while further information was provided by the applicant, and that information was not available to the meeting. It was agreed to defer this application to the next meeting if the Council’s time limits allowed for that. • Tree Works Application T/20/00089/TCA: Slinter Cottage Via Gellia; it was agreed to make no objection to this application. • Bell House Uppertown: the Clerk reported that following a complaint about delay in dealing with the works the PDNPA had been asked to comment. Their views as set out in an email of 9th July 2020 were reported; in summary that compliance was expected, that the owners had said that they are hoping for a builder to be available to start towards the end of the month and that the PDNPA were of the view that a negotiated resolution was the best approach. The situation was noted, and would be kept under review. • Residential Annexes Supplementary Planning Document– Consultation Draft: it was agreed to make no comments on this document. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
21/07/11	Items for Information: DALC Circular 07-2020	
21/07/12	<p>Date of next Parish Council meeting: Tuesday 18th August 2020 at 7.30pm.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion on venue; Cllr J Smith made the point that some residents were not able to engage with remote meetings. The clerk advised that all national government and local Council guidance still strongly advised remote meetings; duties of care to public and employees needed to be taken into account in risk assessment. Attendance numbers were unpredictable and large groups such as at the June online meeting could not be accommodated physically. The possibility of hybrid remote/physical meetings in the future was being considered. Noted.</p>	

Signed