

Bonsall Parish Council

Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 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
19/05/1	Present: Cllrs Barry Grover Harris S. Smith and J. Smith, and Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO). No members of the public.	
19/05/2	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Addis and Pountain. District Cllrs Pawley and Purdy, County Cllr Irene Ratcliffe.	
19/05/3	Variation to the Order of Business: None	
19/05/4	Declaration of Interests: None.	
19/05/5	Public Speaking: None.	
19/05/6	Minutes of the last meeting: The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 21st April 2020.	Clerk
19/05/7	Chair's Announcements: the Chair reported a complaint from a resident about VE day commemorations; the Chair expressed regret that the coronavirus emergency had prevented the events that individual Councillors had planned from being held.	
19/05/8	<p>VILLAGE MATTERS</p> <p>a) Slinter Top Quarry update: Cllr Grover reported that the site was still operating but that there had been no further complaints since the last meeting. Noted.</p> <p>b) Park: (1) Children's play area: the Clerk reported that there had been concern at use of the District Council managed play equipment in breach of government closure orders on this area; the area was marked with warning notices and there was no further action that could be taken at present. Cllr J Smith said that she was unaware of any recent incidents. (2) Picnic tables: Cllr Smith also passed on a request for picnic benches in the park using vehicle park revenue when this became available; it was agreed to look at this when circumstances allowed. (3) Playing field: Cllr Grover asked whether the deep hollow in the football pitch could be filled and reseeded while it was not being used; it was agreed to undertake this if possible and report any costs to the next meeting for approval.</p> <p>c) Covid 19 Community support group: the Chair reported that the group was quiet at present; a batch of 50 bottles of hand sanitiser for volunteers was being delivered at the end of the week; this was being funded by District Council grant. Public WC; noted that this would be kept open and would continue to be regularly cleaned and stocked with sanitiser.</p> <p>d) Planning issues Blakemere pit and farm buildings: the Clerk reported on correspondence between the Peak District National Park officer and a resident in relation to work on farm buildings on land next to Blakemere pit. It was agreed to keep this under review, and to ask the PDNPA to do the same to monitor any potential development that would need planning permission.</p> <p>e) Policy review: updated policies on Co-option, Finance Regulations. Document Retention and Staff appraisal were approved.</p> <p>f) Flood Warden Contact list: the Flood warden list was approved for publication on the website. The Clerk reported that a response had been received that day to the Council's email of 25th February. The response was briefly discussed and it was agreed to circulate to Councillors and the Flood Warden group.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>g) Village communications; (Cllr Barry left the meeting at the start of this item). Means of rapidly communicating information on coronavirus and other issues to as many residents as possible were discussed. It was agreed to set up a trial Parish Council Facebook page, with the Clerk and Cllrs J. Smith and Grover as joint administrators. It was also agreed to put information on the Noticeboard at the Fountain, and Cllr S. Smith offered to help with that.</p> <p>h) Annual General Meeting: it was noted that recent regulations for coronavirus meant that it was not necessary to hold an AGM this month, and it was agreed to review the situation in three month's time.</p>	<p>Cllrs J Smith and Grover; Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																																
<p>19/05/9</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Payments received: District Council £18500 annual precept; Greatorex and Sons: £200 interment fee re the late EN Hall; £495 Derbyshire County Council re footpath's claim.</p> <p>b) The monthly Statement/ Annual Accounts: the statement for period 01 detailing income and expenditure to 30 April 2020 was approved.</p> <p>c) Accounts for payment: payments as below were approved.</p> <p>d) Annual Return 2019-20: (Cllr Barry rejoined the meeting at this point). The annual internal audit report prepared by Robert Newton was noted, and the Council recorded their thanks for his work on this;</p> <p>e) the Annual Return Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) was considered and approved, and signed by the Chair of the meeting, (to be passed to the Clerk for signature after the meeting);</p> <p>f) the Annual Return Section 2 (Accounting Statements) was considered and approved, and signed by the Chair of the meeting (the Clerk/RFO having previously signed the Accounting Statements);</p> <p>g) Insurance: the quote from the Council's current insurers was still awaited and the Clerk was authorised to arrange the insurance policy by the 01 June renewal date in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="244 1317 1347 1637"> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>A Payne</td> <td>£548.76</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>P Spencer</td> <td>£204.85</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>M Biggin</td> <td>£116.11</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>Insurance Company (tbc)</td> <td></td> <td>Insurance renewal</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>£8.17</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> </table>	Online	A Payne	£548.76	Salary/expenses	Online	P Spencer	£204.85	Salary/expenses	Online	M Biggin	£116.11	Salary/expenses	Online	R Allsopp	£95.00	WC cleaning	Online	Roy Johnson Landscape Services	£211.20	Park Mowing	Online	Insurance Company (tbc)		Insurance renewal	DD	Zoom Video Communications inc	£14.39	Meeting hosting fee	DD	E.ON (Park)	£8.17	Electricity	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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<p>19/05/10</p>	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20/00285/FUL 45 Yeoman Street: replacement of raised platforms. <p>Comments and photographs submitted to the Parish Council by a resident which had been previously circulated were discussed. Photographs which had been sent to the Council on behalf of a neighbour showing the construction already on site were also viewed and considered. It was noted that the application was not (as stated on the application form) for replacement of raised platforms but for replacement of one platform and construction of an additional higher level platform, and that supporting information and plans for the application appeared inadequate.</p>																																	

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	<p>After discussion it was agreed to object to the planning application on the following grounds:</p> <p>(1) Noise: use of the two platforms is likely to lead to unacceptable noise levels for adjacent residents, and use of the new higher level platform in particular was likely to lead to sound travelling further affecting more residents. It was also considered that as the development was part of a dwelling used as a holiday cottage, that type of use of the platforms at this height was likely to exacerbate problems of noise for neighbouring residents.</p> <p>(2) Design: the scale design and materials of the proposed structure, in particular when including the new higher level platform, was not in keeping with the surrounding properties and impacts adversely on the character of the conservation area and the surrounding landscape. The high level of construction on the bank is above that of surrounding properties on this side of the valley and out of proportion, and creates an unwelcome precedent for development at this level. The prominent raised location means that is visible from a wide range of viewing points within the village conservation area, including St James church opposite, and that adds to the adverse impact on the conservation area.</p> <p>(3) Residential amenity: the scale and mass of the development is such that it will adversely impact on neighbouring residents who will be overlooked by users, particularly from the higher level platform. This is exacerbated by the fact that the land on which the development is sited extends above the boundary of the neighbouring property.</p> <p>Structural safety: the Parish Council also wished to draw the attention of the District Council to the issue of structural safety which the development presents for the occupants of premises immediately below in view of the scale and size of platform being constructed on this hillside; there are concerns as to the stability and underpinning of the structure that has already been put in place and the Council asks that this aspect be specifically addressed as part of building control.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/00396/FUL Windward Uppertown Lane: alterations to windows and doors and replacement porch to side elevation. The plans were considered and it was agreed to make no objection to this application. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
19/05/11	Items for Information: DALC Circular 06-2020	
19/05/12	Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 16th June 2020 at 7.30pm.	Clerk

Signed