

Bonsall Parish Council

Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th April 2019 at 7.30pm at Bonsall Village Hall.

Chair of the Council: Cllr Mark Harris

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Minute No	Item	Action
16/04/1	Present Cllrs Addis, Barry, Grover, Hewitt, Harris and Pountain. District Cllrs Purdy and Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO). 14 members of the public.	
16/04/2	Apologies for Absence: Cllr Richardson, County Cllr Irene Ratcliffe and District Cllr Joyce Pawley.	
16/04/3	Variation to the Order of Business: None	
16/04/4	Declaration of Interests: Cllr Grover declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 16/04/8 (a) (Slinter Top Quarry) on the basis that recent noise levels he had experienced meant that he had an interest in the issue as a resident as well as a Councillor, but that he was able to speak and vote on the issue in order to represent the views of residents that had been passed on to him.	
16/04/5	Public Speaking Slinter Top Quarry: a large group of residents spoke to express their concern at recent levels of noise dust and disturbance associated with current activity at Slinter Quarry, and expressed fears of this continuing or worsening if planning permission were granted. A resident of Church St. said that his home was 1200 yards due north of the quarry and with the prevailing wind from SW he was able to hear every aspect of pecker and machinery use on the site, and that Bonsall was unique in the Peak District in that no other quarries have areas of population to the north where sound would be carried by the prevailing wind. A resident of the Clatterway questioned the need for the extension in view of existing limestone resources and minimal mineral extraction – the Peak District National Park had commented that there was no transport of minerals to Cavendish Mill from the site. Also the current use of the site was causing huge mental disturbance – they were unable to open windows and that windows were constantly covered in fine dust which raised concerns for health. Another resident said that in recent week’s plumes of dust were visible from the site, and several others reiterated their own concerns about quarry dust in the village and the health impact including for children. A resident stated that it was not possible to escape the noise from the site by going inside the house as it was still audible and disturbing. A resident commented on the employment case that had been made for extending the quarry but said that this failed to address the employment impact in the village; ‘it will kill the tourist trade in Bonsall stone dead’. Several people made the point that when the quarry was operating it was difficult or impossible to work from home and that this would have long term implications for village employment. A resident of Black Tor Road said that they had a ‘ringside seat’ to view and hear quarry operations as the quarry face was reflecting sound directly back into Bonsall, and expressed concern that there did not appear to be a noise management plan for current activities or as part of the planning application for future extension. There was discussion of the fact that the current works on construction of the top bench access were said to have been temporary and to end in May 2018, but that they still appeared to be continuing. Also that activity appeared to already be extending into the area covered by the proposed planning permission. A resident said that he had observed that a lot of the activity in recent weeks is due to moving stone from one side of the quarry to the other, which created constant noise, and at the top right corner of the site a drilling machine had been in use for two weeks, again apparently into the extension area. Cllr Grover said that there were now 53 pages of comments from Bonsall residents on the planning website. These covered a range of issues including The Pre-Planning and Consultation Process, Ecology and Noise, Conservation Area impact, Tourism and Employment, Quality of Life and Health, Visual impact, World Heritage site impact, and Dust Health and Pollution; and that none of these issues appeared to have been properly addressed in the planning process.	

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	<p>There was also discussion about recent comments by the County Council Planning Enforcement Officer in relation to noise levels, where the official measurement process said that noise was within permitted limits, but that this did not match the experience of residents. District Cllr Garry Purdy said that he had reviewed the position following a recent complaint and that as a result he was submitting his views to the County Council to raise objections to the planning application on the following grounds (as set out in his email of 15th April): <i>The nearness to a SSSI site and to Rose End Meadow, together with concerns regarding the water table and the sensitive setting of the ground water environment subject to a Protection Zone One gives me cause for concern. It appears that no Hydrology Risk Assessment has been undertaken, and I note the objections by Bonsall Parish Council and the Peak District National Park Authority. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust express their concern at the loss of 2.8ha which is subject to a habitat of principle importance under the provisions of the NERC Act 2006. In my submission I shall add, that if the Planning Committee is minded to approve the application, I will ask for stringent conditions relating to - hours of work - noise mitigation- lorry movement and timings - land recovery and remediation</i>.</p> <p>He said that in his view there were reasons for refusal of the application but that the County Council Planning Officer's report and recommendations were not yet available. He said that quarrying employment was important to the County but that a balance needs to be struck between noise and jobs and that the need for jobs could not be allowed to ruin lives. Councillor Purdy said that in his view there also appeared to be management issues in relation to the current activities on the site, and that he recommended that these be separated from the question of future planning permission and that the Parish Council should ask for these to be addressed as soon as possible. He recommended that the Parish Council pass on the concerns of residents about current use to Tim Braund Head of Environmental Services at the District Council urgently, and that he would do the same, and also to the Director of Economy Transport and Environment at the County Council (see further item 16/04/8(a) below).</p> <p>Speeding in the village: a resident spoke about his concern at continuing incidents of speeding and recounted three near miss accidents (one involving a child) around the Clatterway and Black Tor Road, and also now increased use of Black Tor Road by vehicles accessing the White Moor track. He said that he was pleased at the action being taken by the Parish Council on this and offered help where needed.</p>	
16/04/6	Minutes of the last meeting: The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 19 th March 2019.	Clerk
16/04/7	Chair's Announcements: None	
16/04/8	<p>VILLAGE MATTERS</p> <p>a) Slinter Top Quarry update: the latest position on this as set out in Public Speaking was discussed, and it was agreed as advised to refer the complaints of residents as set out above to the Head of Regulatory Services at the District Council, and Director of Economy Transport and Environment at the County Council with a request for a site visit</p> <p>b) Park: (1) Lease update: it was noted that the main lease was ready to be sealed and that it was awaiting completion of the paperwork for the sublease. (2) Grass cutting: agreed to advertise the cutting work in Mutterings and if the need arose to request the District Council to continue the mowing work , to be funded from the park maintenance budget (3) Work on park bank: Councillors complimented Pete Spencer on the work to improve the bank and in repairing and restoring the benches; noted with thanks.</p> <p>c) Churchyard removal of trees: the Clerk said that two contractors were quoting for the work to date and at least one more would be obtained. The potential restrictions due to any nesting were noted, No information had been received from the District Council on their progress on tree removal. It was agreed that the Clerk should finalise selection of contractor and award of work in consultation with the Chair/Vice-Chair.</p> <p>d) Speeding in the village / Twenty's Plenty: the Clerk referred to correspondence with a</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/ Chair/ Vice- Chair</p>

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16/04/9	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Payments received: none.</p> <p>b) The monthly Statement/ Annual Accounts: the statement for period 12 detailing income and expenditure to 05 April 2019 and the accounts for 2018/19 were approved, noting that the under spend was due principally to the legal and agents fees for the park (budget £6,600) having not yet been invoiced.</p> <p>c) Accounts for payment: cheques /Online Payments/Direct Debits as below were approved; (and agreed not to renew membership of the Institute of Cemetery and Crematorium Management at £95.</p> <p>d) Annual Return 2018-19: 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 and Clerk;</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) Grant application: grant of £150 was approved for the Drumming Workshop.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>A Payne</td> <td>£624.86</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>A Payne</td> <td>£624.86</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>P Spencer</td> <td>£227.84</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>M Biggin</td> <td>£93.98</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>Peak Park Parishes Forum</td> <td>£6.00</td> <td>Membership fee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Derbyshire County Council</td> <td>£234.00</td> <td>Speed measurement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1804</td> <td>Bonsall Village Hall Committee</td> <td>£144.00</td> <td>Room hire</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>E.ON (Cross)</td> <td>£40.07</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>E.ON (Park)</td> <td>£7.38</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> </table>	Online	A Payne	£624.86	Salary/expenses	Online	A Payne	£624.86	Salary/expenses	Online	P Spencer	£227.84	Salary/expenses	Online	M Biggin	£93.98	Salary/expenses	Online	R Allsopp	£95.00	WC cleaning	Online	Peak Park Parishes Forum	£6.00	Membership fee	Online	Derbyshire County Council	£234.00	Speed measurement	1804	Bonsall Village Hall Committee	£144.00	Room hire	DD	E.ON (Cross)	£40.07	Electricity	DD	E.ON (Park)	£7.38	Electricity	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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16/04/10	<p>Planning:</p> <p>The Council considered the following applications and agreed to make no objection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lilac Cottage Bankside NP/DDD/0319/0260:erection of rear and side extensions; • Horse Dale Farm Horsedale NP?DDD/0319/0255: demolish current corrugated iron shed and replace with a new pitched roof building of metal sheet roof; • Stapleton Cottage Puddle Hill Tree Works T/19/00053/TCA: crown reduce 3 Silver Birch Trees (G1) by up to 3m and reduce 1 Goat Willow Tree by 50% in height; • 65 Church Street 19/00365/FUL: erection of porch. 	<p>Clerk</p>																																								
16/04/11	<p>Items for Information: DALC Circulars: Circular 05/19</p>																																									
16/04/12	<p>Date of next meeting: (1) Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 7.00pm;</p> <p>(2) Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 7.30pm</p> <p>(3) June meeting: provisionally agreed that the June meeting would be moved from 18th to 13th June in order to secure a quorum; to be confirmed at the meeting on 21st May.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>																																								

Signed