

**Bonsall Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm at**  
**Bonsall Village Hall.**

**Chair of the Council:** Cllr Mark Harris

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Minute No	Item	Action
19/03/1	<b>Present</b> Cllrs Barry, Grover Hewitt and Harris. County Cllr Irene Ratcliffe and Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO). Six members of the public.	
19/03/2	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllrs Addis, Pountain and Watson, and District Cllr Purdy.	
19/03/3	<b>Variation to the Order of Business:</b> None	
19/03/4	<b>Declaration of Interests:</b> Cllr Harris declared an interest in item 19/03/7(i) re the Rights of Way group, and took no part in the discussion or decision.	
19/03/5	<b>Public Speaking</b> <b>Slinter Top Quarry:</b> residents expressed deep concern about noise from the current activity at the quarry and that this would continue and potentially worsen if the planning permission for extension were given. There was also concern that this would increase the visual impact of the quarry on the landscape from Bonsall and the national park. A resident expressed the view that there did not seem to be a case for proceeding with the extension for small vein mineral extraction when current use showed a very low ratio of ore extraction to limestone, and that there was other existing local supply for limestone. Residents expressed strong support for the draft resolution that had been circulated on this issue. See further items 19/03/8 (a) and 19/03/10. Cllr Ratcliffe said that, in general terms, the quarrying industry was vital for the County, but that she would add her own comments to the resolution with a view to ensuring the Parish Council's views were taken into account in the decision and, if it were approved, in conditions imposed.  <b>Churchyard trees:</b> a resident thanked the Parish Council for their work in seeking to secure the removal of trees in the churchyard overhanging Ragcroft and Yeoman Street.	
19/03/6	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2019.	Clerk
19/03/7	<b>Chair's Announcements:</b> None	
19/03/8	<b>VILLAGE MATTERS</b> <b>a) Slinter Top Quarry update:</b> the Council received a report from Cllrs Grover and Harris on the site visit of 11 <sup>th</sup> March. The area of future expansion of the quarry was above the current work area so it was thought this would increase the visible landscape scar. There was concern that the noise would have more impact at workings at a higher level and that the whole of Bonsall was likely to be affected. The visit had made it apparent where the problems would be. Tony Gregory had talked about building bunds to mask the work but there was doubt as to whether this would be effective, and that there was no planning requirement to do this. Two photos were displayed showing the current area of activity and also the view from the upper level to be worked. Cllr Hewitt asked whether a 3 sided sound absorbing wall around the pecker would help, or whether any other noise reduction methods could be suggested to the company.  The report and the comments of residents were noted (see further item 19/03/10).  <b>b) Park Lease update:</b> the Clerk reported that the lease legal work was on course for completion 01 April but that the sublease may take longer. It was agreed to complete both at the same time (aiming for 1 <sup>st</sup> May), and the Clerk was authorised to make the necessary arrangements for completion and the Chair and Vice Chair to sign. Noted that	



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	<p>were taking action to clear a suspected blockage.</p> <p><b>j) Arts Trail:</b> the report from Bonsall Arts Trail Group meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019, and the proposal to hold this event on the weekend of 4/5 April 2020, was welcomed.</p> <p><b>k) Village Welcome Sign:</b> the Council considered a request from Cllr Hewitt and from the Friends of T'Owd Man of Bonsall group to create a village sign incorporating the T'Owd Man image. The proposal was welcomed; agreed to support in principle a sign at the bottom of the Clatterway, and to wait to receive costs and funding ideas from the group.</p> <p><b>l) Rights of Way group:</b> the clerk updated the Council on the work of the group. A copy of the Definitive map had been obtained by the Parish Council and a copyright licence to be able to put it on the website. The Council had been asked to consider taking responsibility for submissions for amendments to the Definitive map; it was agreed that these would be considered on a case by case basis.</p> <p><b>m) Via Gellia (1) Cromford YNOT traffic arrangements:</b> the County Council were proposing to suspend the waiting bay and establish a temporary clearway near the millpond in Cromford 25-29<sup>th</sup> July which covered the carnival weekend; noted on the basis that this should help traffic entering and leaving the village. <b>(2) Overnight closure 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March:</b> there were no problems reported in relation to the current overnight closures.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																																
19/03/9	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p><b>a) Payments received:</b> none. <b>The monthly Statement</b> for period 10 detailing income and expenditure to 05 March 2019 was approved.</p> <p><b>b) Accounts for payment:</b> payments as below were approved.</p> <p><b>c) RSB bank account:</b> in order to benefit from a £1000 transfer offer the Clerk was authorised, in consultation with the Chair, to switch the RBS account to either Co-Op or Yorkshire banks after detailed consideration of the terms available.</p> <p><b>d) Asset Register:</b> the revised asset register as at 31 March 2019 was approved.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="261 1223 1366 1480"> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>A Payne</td> <td>£326.15</td> <td>Salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>M Biggin</td> <td>£162.34</td> <td>Salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Online</b></td> <td>L Johnson</td> <td>£196.42</td> <td>Salary</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>DALC</td> <td>£395.37</td> <td>Subscription</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>1802</b></td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£619.22</td> <td>Q4 PAYE</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>1803</b></td> <td>Ladywell Accountancy</td> <td>£105.00</td> <td>Payroll fees</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>DD</b></td> <td>E.ON (Park)</td> <td>£8.17</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> </table>	<b>Online</b>	A Payne	£326.15	Salary	<b>Online</b>	M Biggin	£162.34	Salary	<b>Online</b>	L Johnson	£196.42	Salary	<b>Online</b>	R Allsopp	£95.00	WC cleaning	<b>Online</b>	DALC	£395.37	Subscription	<b>1802</b>	HMRC	£619.22	Q4 PAYE	<b>1803</b>	Ladywell Accountancy	£105.00	Payroll fees	<b>DD</b>	E.ON (Park)	£8.17	Electricity	<p>Clerk</p>
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19/03/10	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>Mineral extraction Slinger Top Quarry extension CM3-0817-40:</b> further to minute 15/01/10 of the meeting of 15th January 2019 the Council considered any further comments to be made to Derbyshire County Council in relation to this planning application in the light of the site inspection 11<sup>th</sup> March and the views of residents at the meeting. After discussion it was agreed to submit the following comments to the County Council (with a copy to Cllr Ratcliffe):</p> <p>'On the 15th January 2019 Bonsall PC responded to this consultation noting that their request to visit Slinger Quarry was declined on the 21st November. Due to the inaccessibility of the quarry, safety and security reasons it was not possible for any other visit to be arranged. At the 16th February 2019 Quarry Liaison meeting Slinger Mining changed their mind and agreed to take 3 representatives from Bonsall around the quarry by car. The earliest date that could be arranged was the 11th March. Two Bonsall Parish Councillors and one Bonsall resident visited the quarry and were shown the permitted emergency works and the area of the planned extension. The planning meeting to determine the application was due 4 weeks from this visit, which has left limited time in order to enable the outcome of the visit to be</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																																

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	<p>disseminated to residents.</p> <p>Bonsall PC maintain their disappointment that Slinter have not addressed issues, particularly noise issues that have been raised by Bonsall residents. In the application, theoretical noise calculations have only been considered by Slinters Consultants at one Bonsall properties on the Via Gellia, however numerous properties have been affected elsewhere in the village by noise from the permitted emergency works. These are evident in complaints to DDDC and by consultation responses. A number of these affected properties were visible from the quarry.</p>	
	<p>It was evident from the site visit that the quarry extension will be above the emergency works which has been the cause of the noise complaints. The group was advised that rock will be broken by pneumatic breaker at high level and it was clear that even more Bonsall properties will now be in the direct line of the extension, including Upper Town and Town End. Contrary to previous indications that noise will reduce, it seems more likely to increase and be an issue for years to come. It was also noted that the crushing and screening plant was sited at a high level in the quarry and that this was the source of the continuous machine noise that had generated complaints. The group was advised that it was the intention to leave the plant in this position as there was no other place for it.</p> <p>Pneumatic breaker sound has not been dealt with in the EIA, has not been addressed during consultation and the application is now due to be determined with no measurement, evaluation or solution. Bonsall PC support residents with their complaints over noise issues and are concerned that the planning committee should be able to fully experience the noise issues in order to properly consider this planning application.</p> <p>Bonsall PC welcome the intervention of the DDDC Environmental Health Officer in requesting a Noise Management Plan but are deeply disappointed that this will not be produced prior to planning being determined. The Parish Council again asks that, in the event planning permission for this application is granted, serious consideration should be given to additional conditions to manage noise on the site and to prevent adverse noise impact on the village.</p> <p>Bonsall village has approx. 400 houses and supports two pubs, a tea room and various other visitor related businesses such as B &amp; Bs, holiday lets, garden centre and the 4 acre Cascades Gardens. All these provide local employment. Bonsall is frequented by walkers and visitors who come to enjoy the peace and beauty of the area. The economy of the village is a fine balance and unwarranted noise will have real effect on both employment and the future of Bonsall.</p> <p>The Parish Council is also concerned that the figures on mineral extraction suggest that, under the terms of the current planning permission, small vein mineral extraction has been at a ratio of 0.8% ore to 99.2% limestone over the 40 year period, which suggests that the predominant use and objective of quarrying activity is limestone not mineral extraction. The Parish Council supports the comments of the Peak District National Park in their submission of 18th March 2018 in this respect, that there is not a demonstrable national need for the proposed extension for the production of limestone, and that there are substantial permitted reserves on other local and national sites to meet that need'.</p>	
19/03/11	<b>Items for Information: DALC Circulars:</b> Circular 04/19	
19/03/12	<b>Date of next meeting: Meeting of the Parish Council Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm.</b>	Clerk

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