

Bonsall Parish Council
Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th March 2018 at 7.30pm at
Bonsall Village Hall.

Chair of the Council: Cllr Mark Harris

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Minute No	Item	Action
20/03/1	Present Cllrs Harris, Addis, Grover Hewitt Pountain and Watson. Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO), County Cllr Ratcliffe and two members of the public.	
20/03/2	Apologies for Absence: apologies received from Cllrs Barry and Richardson.	
20/03/3	Variation to the Order of Business: none.	
20/03/4	Declaration of Interests: None	
20/03/5	<p>Public Speaking</p> <p>Precept and use of vehicle park: a member of the public expressed concern at the rising trend in the precept over the last two years, in that the Parish Council element of the Council tax had risen 60.5% during that period. They also expressed concern that part of the precept appeared to be going towards the parking costs of a commercial haulier who was parking three trailers in the vehicle park, which they said was in breach of the haulier's operating licence conditions. They said that they had alerted the Traffic Commissioner's to the alleged unlawful use.</p> <p>The Chair of the Council said that the cause of the precept increase was the potential cost of taking on the park on behalf of the village (rent, maintenance charges and legal and agent's fees for the Diocese as part of the transfer). He said that the Parish Council had consulted extensively on whether to take on the park and these costs, and that 99% of those consulted had wanted to take on this responsibility. He said that the Parish Council had also sought to explain the increase on both occasions in Mutterings.</p> <p>In relation to parking, the Chair said that the Parish Council had no control over the land at present, as the terms of a lease were still being negotiated with the Diocese, who remained the owners of the land and had responsibility for it. The Chair said that he understood the point being made. The member of the public asked if the Diocese were aware of the current use; the Chair said that they may not be aware of the specific details or alleged use in breach of conditions, but they had visited the site and had been informed of the longstanding use for lorry parking. Drivers had also attended a previous meeting to express concern about any loss of that use.</p> <p>Defibrillator use and ambulance access: Councillor Hewitt raised an issue on behalf of a member of the public relating to an incident at the weekend of 17-18 March when the defibrillator had had to be used and an ambulance had been unable to find Townhead. Councillor Watson who worked for East Midland Ambulance Service explained that the control room ought to be able to direct crews in those circumstances. The Clerk said that previous attempts to ask the District Council to provide a sign on the High Street to Townhead had failed because Townhead was not in the Derbyshire County Council street list. The District Council had said that they would be unable to rename the road unless all affected residents were consulted and had agreed to their address and potentially postcode being changed (minute 16/05/7(i) of 16th May 2017).</p> <p>Councillor Watson agreed to raise the issue within EMAS.</p> <p>Abandoned cars in snow: a member of the public had complained that vehicles had been abandoned around the Cross during the snow so as to prevent the gritter</p>	Cllr Watson

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	<p>accessing the upper part of the village. Any emergency vehicle would have also been unable to get through. The problem would be highlighted in Mutterings.</p> <p>Gritting budget: County Councillor Ratcliffe reported that she was concerned that a cut of £0.5 million may be proposed to the County Council gritting budget; she would report back on this.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Ratcliffe</p>
20/03/6	<p>Minutes Of The Last Meeting: approved. The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2018.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
20/03/7	<p>Chair's Announcements: None</p>	
20/03/8	<p>Village Matters</p> <p>a) Slinter Top Quarry update: the Clerk had passed on the request to the County Council to include a link to future consultation on this in Mutterings, and they had taken details of publication dates. Noted.</p> <p>b) Park Lease update: the Clerk reported that a response from the District Council was still awaited. Agreed to inform the agents of the Diocese as to the reason for delay in responding on the Heads of Terms of the lease, and copy District Councillors in to the next correspondence with the District Council. There was discussion on whether it would be useful at this stage to begin work in forming a community trust and fundraising; agreed that resources needed to be directed to securing the lease and then looking to set up a trust and seek to assign the lease in future.</p> <p>c) Churchyard: (1) Risk Assessment: the report on the risk assessment (previously circulated) was approved; it was agreed to incorporate the actions into a revised assessment and to purchase a First Aid kit for the tool shed.</p> <p>d) Churchyard (2) Burial Working Group: the updated plan (previously circulated) was approved. It was agreed to contact deed holders affected by the changes to plot allocation, and to update the Registers of Burials and Deed sold with missing entries.</p> <p>e) Churchyard (3) Burial Ground extension: it was agreed to approve the digging of trial holes by Paul Brown at a cost of £120.</p> <p>f) Churchyard Management plan (4): it was agreed that the plan was a very useful interesting and informative document and to thank Mick Biggin for preparing it and for his work in the churchyard generally.</p> <p>g) WC transfer: the Clerk reported that following representations made by the Parish Council to the District Council they had agreed to withdraw the recommendation of closure of the public toilets and to continue with discussion on a transfer to the Parish Council. This was subject to the District Council resolving the land ownership issue. Land ownership discussed, and Leigh Johnson offered to provide Clerk with copy documents relating to the transfer of the former school to the village hall trust. The clerk was asked to seek information from the person claiming ownership. The situation was noted.</p> <p>h) WC vandalism issues: it was reported that there had been some regular petty vandalism of the men's toilets. Agreed to report to the area police officer and publicise in Mutterings. The Chair reported that Strange and Sons Ltd had offered to repair the electronic door lock on the men's toilet. Noted with thanks.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>i) Draft document retention policy: the policy was approved.</p> <p>j) Speedwatch: agreed to set up future sessions during the school run and if possible on the lower Clatterway; Christine Jarvis to be invited to join the team.</p> <p>k) Fly tipping in Via Gellia Wood Black Tor Road: Councillor Hewitt reported that substantial amounts of garden waste had been tipped down the embankment below Black Tor Road. Agreed to report in Mutterings.</p> <p>l) Dogs loose in Park: the problem was discussed. Agreed to ask District Council if additional signs could be put up to cover all entrances to the park.</p> <p>m) Planning terms of reference: further to minute 20/02/18/8(j) it was agreed to approve the terms of reference (previously circulated).</p> <p>n) Moor Lane: Councillor Addis reported that his enquiries suggested that the private road section where additional signs were needed was owned by a quarry company and leased by Phil Boam. Agreed that he would speak to Phil Boam to see if he could assist; to report back.</p> <p>o) Defibrillator: Councillors Hewitt and Watson reported on the outcome of their work on securing additional defibrillators for the village. Key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Livepack model used by EMAS could potentially be sourced via EMAS at reduced costs and batteries usually replaced by ambulance crews; training could also be provided by EMAS or Councillor Watson; - Siting of unit on railings of Chapel at Dale head being discussed; also fundraising among Dale residents; - The defibrillator team needed help with replacement battery costs and also provision of protective CPR masks. <p>It was agreed to make provision for an annual grant of £200 to help cover costs of replacement batteries and CPR masks. Further details on costing and fundraising to be reported to the next meeting with a view to seeking to fund both Townhead and Dale units during the 2018-19 financial year. Councillors Hewitt and Watson thanked for their work to date.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Payments received: £625 grant from Transparency Fund for IT equipment was reported.</p> <p>b) The monthly Statement for period 11 detailing income and expenditure to 05 March 2018, which had been previously circulated to Councillors, was approved.</p> <p>c) Budget: The Council considered the budget position against income and expenditure to date as shown in the account statement for the month and the transactions agreed at the meeting. The Council assessed risk in relation to the Council's financial standing and systems, and were satisfied that there were no issues presenting risk that required attention or further action at the present time.</p> <p>d) Accounts for payment a schedule showing the following cheques /Online Payments/Direct Debits was approved, and the cheques were signed:</p>	

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20/03/10	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for Tree Works T/18/00025/TCA Chestnut Farm; • NP/DDD/0218/0162 Lilac Cottage Bankside; demolition of attached outbuilding and conservatory to be replaced by two storey side and rear extension: <p>After discussion agreed that no objection should be made to these applications.</p>	Clerk																																																
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