

Bonsall Parish Council
Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st March 2017 at 7.30pm at
Bonsall Village Hall.

Chair of the Council: Cllr Mark Harris

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Minute No	Item	Action
21/03/1	Present Cllrs Harris, Addis, Barry, Grover, Hewitt, Pountain and Williams. Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO), County Cllr Ratcliffe and DDDC Cllrs Purdy and Pawley, and 9 members of the public.	
21/03/2	Apologies for Absence: apologies received from Cllr Richardson	
21/03/3	Variation to the Order of Business: None	
21/03/4	Declaration of Interests: None	
21/03/5	<p>Public Speaking</p> <p>Closure of the Via Gellia at Cromford from 8th May to 26th June 2017: This item was extended from 15 minutes to an hour to accommodate speakers. The proposed closure (day and night) is to allow works to a retaining wall at Chapel Hill Cromford. Residents and business owners expressed concern and anger at the likely impact and timing of the closure, and at the fact that those most affected were unaware of the proposals until the road closure process had started.</p> <p>The impact on individual businesses such as the cafes in the village and on the Via Gellia, and the village pubs, of this work being done at this time of the summer season was explained. Problems for local haulage and quarry companies, and concerns about school and public transport and emergency vehicle access were raised. Alternative ways of undertaking the works were put forward, including night time working, which had been envisaged when the planning permission for the retaining wall construction was approved in July 2016 by Derbyshire Dales District Council. The subsequent change was said to be due to later site surveys extending the works, affecting works safety and noise for local residents. County Councillor Irene Ratcliffe and DCC Senior Project Engineer Dave Connell answered questions and explained some steps that might alleviate the impact. Councillor Ratcliffe had asked the project manager to attend a further meeting with those most affected, and to refer their problems to the insurance company funding the works, but this could not take place until at 26th April due to his holiday commitments.</p> <p>At the end of the session County Councillor Ratcliffe and District Councillors Garry Purdy and Joyce Pawley agreed to arrange an urgent meeting involving District and County officers and Councillors, to see if anything could be done to manage the works in a different way (or at a different time) so as to have less impact, to involve the project management company in that, and to report back to the Parish Council in the next few days on progress.</p> <p>Derbyshire Dales District Council budget 2017-18: District Councillor Garry Purdy explained that that the Council faced an extremely difficult budget position in the coming financial year, as a result of which all services were being fundamentally reviewed. He would update the Council with further information as it became available.</p> <p>Gully cleaning: County Councillor Irene Ratcliffe reported that the District Council budget meant that gully cleaning was returning from the District to the County Council.</p>	
21/03/6	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Approved The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 21 st February 2017.	Clerk

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21/03/7	Chair's Announcements: None	
21/03/8	<p>VILLAGE MATTERS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via Gellia closure 8th May to 26th June 2017: The Parish Council welcomed the decision of County and District Councillors reached in the Public Speaking session, and agreed if necessary to hold an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council meeting to consider the outcome and hear from a representative of the Project Manager, contractor or insurer (on a date to be arranged). (Cllr Williams left at the end of this item) • Park Lease update and next steps: the Council received the report of the Park Working Group. After discussion it was agreed to accept all of the recommendations of the group, as follows: <p>Public Consultation: consultation should take the following form:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Questionnaire: email response or return to local Councillor/cafe / pubs (DP agreed to prepare drop in boxes); b) Leaflet /Questionnaire to go to Fountain Cafe, Kings Head, Barley Mow, Farm Shop, School, PTFA, Sam Bradley/Norma Marshall/Strange & Co (particularly re Vehicle Park), Carnival Committee, notice boards, website. c) Parochial Church Council /Kara Werner Vicar: to raise awareness of the issues; d) The Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May 2017 should be for the consideration of this issue. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Trust or Parish: agreed that a Trust established to hold the land in perpetuity for recreational purposes seemed to have significant advantages; b) that this view should be tested via the consultation process; c) and that as part of that consultation process potential trustees should again be invited. <p>Purchase/Lease:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The case for continued use of both areas of land for community use needed to be made again to the Diocese, and if possible reinforced via public consultation on the basis that the vehicle park was an essential amenity for a wide range of activities; b) The views of the Diocese should be obtained on whether sale of the whole land might be secured if terms were offered ensuring that any potential development value of the land at any time in the future would be returned to the Diocese; c) Subject to the outcome of consultation, the preferred option (for financial reasons and to secure the future of the site as a village amenity) would be to purchase both areas of land on terms that secured its' future for permanent recreational use. <p>Terms of Lease: all of the Heads of Terms were agreed except:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) 11 Break Clause: Not accepted; the aim should be to secure permanent recreational use of all of the land; b) 14 Security of tenure: Not accepted; for future discussion; c) 15 Legal Costs: separate estimates to be requested in respect of legal and agent's fees. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Park items: 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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	<p>a) The letter to the Diocese dated 16th March 2017 as circulated was noted with approval;</p> <p>b) The public consultation questionnaire as circulated was approved. (Cllr Pountain left at the end of this item).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic speed reduction in village: it was reported that the Council had registered interest in the Speedwatch scheme with the Police, who were going to assess suitability. It was agreed to ask the police if potential volunteers could be present when the assessment was done, and also to ask whether the police could use an alternative black box speed measuring system (i.e. with two cables on the road).• Street signs at Pounder Lane: reported that DDDC had agreed to a direction sign to Townhead/ Pounder Lane at the Parish Council's cost (approximately £150), provided that the Townhead addresses could be identified. It was agreed to prepare and distribute a letter to residents (Councillor Barry offered to help on this).• Village signage: Councillor Grover put forward some proposals for improving village signage. It was agreed in principle that this should be supported. and that Councillor Grover should bring forward more detailed proposals to a future meeting.• Churchyard: work to headstone: noted with thanks that this work had now been completed;• Churchyard responsibilities group: including trees: the findings of the churchyard group were reported. The churchyard was split into 3 broad areas; A the current Parish Council cemetery; B the District Council managed rectangular area on the northwest side; and C the remainder of the old closed churchyard. The latter area was the problematic part; there was no evidence of responsibility ever having been passed on from the Parochial Church Council, and the District Council had stated that they regarded it as PCC managed. Against that was evidence of the Parish Council having been paid to maintain it since at least 1998. It was agreed that the report should be submitted to the Diocese, PCC and District Council with the recommendation that it should be treated as PCC responsibility (subject to the PCC checking with their insurance company as to assuming liability for the lime trees next to Church Street; if that was rejected then further enquiries should be made of the District Council). (Councillor Hewitt left at the end of this item).• Dog waste signs on footpaths: signs outstanding for footpath number 46 (next to the Mount High Street), and number 42 Stepping Lane. Noted that DDDC Councillor Pawley was also pursuing this on the Council's behalf.• Dog waste problems in Dale: deferred to next meeting in the absence of Councillor Hewitt.• Bus Shelter grant works: noted that a planning application had now been submitted and a decision was due within about 7 weeks.	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Grover</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Hewitt</p>
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21/03/9	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Accounts for payment a schedule showing the following cheques /Direct Debits was approved, and the cheques were signed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="261 389 1342 512"> <tr> <td>1723</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£283.20</td> <td>PAYE Q4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1724</td> <td>A Payne</td> <td>£415.36</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1725</td> <td>L Petts Stonemasons Ltd</td> <td>£192.00</td> <td>Churchyard work</td> </tr> </table> <p>b) Payments received: none</p> <p>c) The monthly Statement for period 11 detailing income and expenditure to 03 March 2017, which had been previously circulated to Councillors, was approved.</p> <p>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>	1723	HMRC	£283.20	PAYE Q4	1724	A Payne	£415.36	Salary/expenses	1725	L Petts Stonemasons Ltd	£192.00	Churchyard work	
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21/03/10	<p>Planning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17/00164/FUL - New access and creation of frontage parking bays - 32 High Street, Bonsall • 17/00161/FUL - Two storey rear extension - Yew Tree Cottage, Arter Hill, Bonsall <p>Resolved that no objection should be made to these two applications.</p>	Clerk												
21/03/11	Items for Information: DALC Circulars: Circular 04/17													
21/03/12	<p>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18th April 2017 at 7.30pm Sub – committees/working groups: Park group meeting 7.00pm 11th April 2017 Churchyard Group 7.30pm 12th April 2017 Policy group meeting 18th April 2017 at 6.30pm</p>	Clerk												

Signed