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

Chair of the Council: Cllr Mark Harris
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Minute No	Item	Action
21/02/1	**Present** Cllrs Harris, Addis, Barry, Grover, Pountain, Richardson Hewitt and Williams. Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO), County Cllr Ratcliffe and DDDC Cllrs Purdy and Pawley, and two members of the public.	
21/02/2 21/02/3	**Apologies for Absence**: Apologies received: none **Variation to the Order of Business:** None	
21/02/4	**Declaration of Interests:** None	
21/02/5	**Public Speaking** **Footpath signs Moor Lane:** Cllr Ratcliffe confirmed that work on this was in hand and would be done subject to available capacity. **Lighting at Uppertown:** Cllr Ratcliffe was awaiting a meeting with the LED lighting manager to discuss reinstatement; a street light not working in Slaley had been reported and she would chase progress on the Uppertown light that was still not working. **Speeding in village / Speedwatch:** Cllr Ratcliffe explained how the Speedwatch scheme was being introduced in Brassington as a rural trial area. There were similarities with Bonsall in terms of properties directly fronting the road. A scheme was also being introduced in Kniveton which had produced reduced speeding incidents, although there had been complaints around the removal of white lines and cat's eyes. Cllr Ratcliffe explained how interest in operating a scheme should be registered with the local police neighbourhood team, and Cllr Pawley explained the training program. There may be funding available from the Councillor Leadership fund for such a project. Emphasised that any traffic incidents should be logged via clerk. **Repairs to Cross:** Cllr Pawley said that the Local Project Fund may be able to support (as previously) the works to the Cross. **Business Support/Council tax:** Cllr Purdy advised that two business workshops including advice on funding were being organised by DDDC on Tuesday 28 February (Wirksworth) and Wednesday 8th March (Bakewell). DDDC were increasing the Council tax for a typical Band D property by 2.6%. **Lilac Cottage planning:** Jacquie Ward reported that the application which had been supported by the Parish Council had been refused on grounds of design by Peak District National Park Authority. It was agreed to copy to her the Council's email comments. Informal advice was given by those present on the appeal process.	Clerk Clerk
21/02/6	**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Approved** The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2017.	Clerk
21/02/7	**Chair's Announcements:** None	

21/02/8	**VILLAGE MATTERS** **Park Lease update and next steps:** situation outlined. The Diocese were willing to lease the Park and vehicle parking area for a rent of £800 reviewable every five years, on a 20 year lease. However, the vehicle park land would only be available on a lease with a six month break clause at any time, and this was understood to allow for the possibility of the Diocese wanting to develop that part of the site in the future. That break clause would restrict the availability of grant funding for that part of the land. DDDC had reiterated that they would lease back the recreation land to manage the play equipment and field. On sale, the Head of Property at the Diocese had said that he would consider a bid by the Parish Council to purchase the recreation land but would not recommend the sale of the vehicle park land. The land is given Recreation status in the Local Plan. The situation was discussed. The need for the vehicle park as integral to the use of the recreation ground and for general village use was stressed. The possibility of footpaths crossing the vehicle park land was mentioned and it was agreed to check that. It was agreed that: - as presented the current proposal was not acceptable and we needed to seek alternatives; - this was considered to be a significant issue for the future of the village and wider public views on the proposal should be canvassed; - the views of the Parochial Church Council and Vicar should be obtained; - the detailed response to the Diocese and determining future action needed more time than the meeting allowed so a working party would be established for that purpose; - the first meeting to be at 7.00pm Tuesday 7th March in the village hall (subject to availability). Cllrs Addis, Grover, Harris, Richardson and Pountain attending; members of the public would be invited and Jacquie Ward and Colin Draycott offered to attend. • **Unadopted highway at bottom of Stepping Lane:** nothing to report. • **Traffic speed reduction in village:** a letter from a village resident supporting action was reported. It was agreed to register interest in the Speedwatch scheme, and Cllr Barry offered to attend training. • **Footpath signs at Moor Lane and Moorend Lane:** noted that action was in hand but that it was taking much longer than expected. Reported that Abel Lane and Psalter Lane footpath signs had apparently been damaged by hedge trimming, and this needed to be reported to the County Council • **Street signs at Pounder Lane:** the response of the District Council to date was noted but it was agreed to continue to press for a direction sign from the High Street. • **Churchyard Policy/Regulations:** Cllr Addis introduced the changes which were intended to bring the cemetery fees up to date as they had not been increased for at least 10 years, and to bring them into line with other similar local cemeteries. It was noted that the proposed fees were still significantly less than local authority cemeteries such as Wirksworth. The Policy updated the previous regulations, although further changes may still be required in future to allow effective management of the remaining plots. The Policy (and a separate fee scale document) would be circulated to local undertakers and put on the website. It was also intended in the next few months to produce a leaflet to assist bereaved families; also the risk assessment and inspection process for work in	Clerk Clerk/ Cllr Barry Clerk Clerk

the cemetery was being reviewed.

It was agreed after discussion to implement the new Policy and the fee scale with effect from 01 March 2017 (Cllr Barry voted against the decision). — Clerk

- **Churchyard work to headstone:** Coli Petts had apologised for the delay in the work which was due to it needing more workers than originally envisaged; noted.

- **Cross:** it was agreed to seek three quotes for repair to stonework caused by vehicle damage from Stuart Poplar Richard Webster and Carl Taylor. — Clerk

- **WC cleaning: to review cleaning schedule for advertisement**: it was reported that a quote had been received which was over budget; agreed not accepted but to amend the advertisement to reduce the requested cleaning frequency from 3 times a week. Agreed to require a weekly clean as necessary to maintain hygiene and cleanliness standards, and to request a rate for any additional cleaning required. Advertisement on the Facebook Matlock for sale site was suggested. In the meantime it was agreed that a further clean should be commissioned and it was suggested that the new village hall cleaner could be asked. — Clerk

- **Derbyshire Dales DC Great British Springclean:** it was agreed that there was not a sufficient litter problem in the village at present to support involvement.

- **Public Space Protection Order (dog control):** agreed that no changes needed. The need for signs on footpath 44 (High St to Dobb Lane) and 42 (Stepping Lane) where problems had previously been reported to DDDC were noted; for next meeting. — Clerk

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The Current and Business Account Bank Statements for January 2017 were approved and signed by the Chair.

a) **Accounts for payment** a schedule showing the following cheques /Direct Debits was approved, and the cheques were signed:

1720	Actual Reality	£40.00	Laptop upgrade
1721	A Payne	£415.36	Salary/expenses
1722	DALC	£361.13	Subscription
DD	E.ON (Park)	£ 13.09	Electricity
DD	E.ON (Cross)	£ 27.87	Electricity

b) **Payments received:** cheques for £25.00 in respect of interment fees (KE Mellor) and £30.00 memorial fees (VS Pugh) had been received and £1363.05 from Derbyshire Dales District Council for the cost of grounds maintenance of the churchyard for 2016-17.

c) **The monthly Statement** for period 10 detailing income and expenditure to 03 February 2017, which had been previously circulated to Councillors, was approved.

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.

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21/02/10	**Planning:** • **DDDC Application No. 17/00012/FUL: Erection of Shed The Old Rectory 46 Church Street Bonsall (https://planning.derbyshiredales.gov.uk/online-applications)** After discussion it was agreed that there was no objection to the application. • **DDDC Application No. T/17/00009/TCA: Works to Trees in Conservation Area Hollybank The Dale** Cllr Williams declared an interest and took no further part in the decision). After discussion it was agreed that there was no objection to the application. **Peak Park Application No. NP/DDD/0117/0008: Conversion of outbuilding to dwelling Briars Inn Farm Slaley(http://pam.peakdistrict.gov.uk).** After discussion and examination of the plans it was agreed that there was no objection to the application. • **(Memorial application VS Pugh Petts and Son)approved:** the memorial application which had been submitted prior to the meeting was approved	Clerk Clerk Clerk Clerk
21/02/11	**Items for Information:** None	
21/02/12	**Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21st March 2017 at 7.30pm** **Sub – committees/working groups:** **Park group meeting 7.00pm 7th March 2017 at 7.00pm** **Policy group meeting 21st March 2017 at 6.30pm**	

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