

**Bonsall Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7.30pm at Bonsall Village Hall.**

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

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<b>Minute No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
20/12/1	<b>Present</b> Cllrs Harris, Grover, Barry, Pountain. Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO). DCC Cllr Ratcliffe; DDDC Cllr Pawley	
20/12/2	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Apologies were received from: Cllrs Addis Richardson Williams and Hewitt, DDDC Cllr Purdy.	
20/12/3	<b>Variation to the Order of Business:</b> None	
15/12/4	<b>Declaration of Interests:</b> None	
15/12/5	<p>At the commencement of the meeting a minute's silence was held in memory of Rick Jones, who had regularly attended and contributed to meetings of the Council.</p> <p><b>Public Speaking</b></p> <p><b>Park steps:</b> Cllr Ratcliffe noted that work was now in progress on the park steps.</p> <p><b>Street lights at Uppertown Lane:</b> Cllr Ratcliffe had visited the site prior to the meeting; she was going to ask if could be reinstated when the lights were converted to LED; there was a light malfunctioning at bottom of Uppertown Lane which needed reporting (and also a light on the Clatterway which was on all day/night).</p> <p><b>Bus Services:</b> Cllr Ratcliffe reported that DCC has decided after consultation to maintain existing bus services for the time being and renegotiate with service providers; this meant that the Bonsall service is to be unchanged for at least the next twelve months.</p> <p>A pilot 'response-demand' service would start in February from Ashbourne to Wirksworth, operated by Ashbourne Community Transport, covering intervening villages including Cromford. If this was successful it may be the model for negotiating future services; smaller buses and less regular service may be part of renegotiation.</p> <p><b>Cromford traffic management:</b> double yellow lines now in place in Cromford. <b>Derbyshire Dales</b> voted 4<sup>th</sup> best place to live in UK in national survey (Cllr Pawley). <b>Woodland Trust</b> giving away free trees for planting for community groups and schools.</p> <p><b>Footpaths</b> 46 High St: Cllr Pawley would check progress on providing dog sign for this. Cllr Harris Stepping Lane dog mess problem had been reported to DDDC.</p> <p><b>Crime:</b> Cllr Pawley reported break-in's to commercial vans in Cromford; problems in village discussed.</p> <p><b>Cllr Barry</b> questioned the tendering of the services for some Derbyshire Dales leisure centres and why they could not be managed in house. Cllr Pawley explained that it was a question of economies of scale available to larger bidding companies. It is expected that DDDC will save £400K per year as part of the tendering exercise, and it was a means of securing the future other leisure services including the Wirksworth pool.</p>	

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20/12/6	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: Approved</b> The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2016.	Clerk
20/12/7	<b>Chair's Announcements:</b> None	
20/12/8	<p><b>VILLAGE MATTERS</b></p> <p>a) <b>Park Lease update and next steps:</b> noted that there had still been no response from Savills on the heads of terms for use. Potential trustees for a Trust to manage the land on behalf of the village were still needed. The financing of the project was discussed, including the possible need to increase the Precept in order to cover the additional costs of the Parish Council managing the recreation and vehicle parks if a Trust did not take on this responsibility. Agreed to look at funding next month.</p> <p>b) <b>Pounder Lane street signs:</b> after discussion it was agreed that The District Council would be asked to provide signage for Pounder Lane visible from the High Street.</p> <p>c) <b>Churchyard update:</b> a meeting was to be held with Phil Heasman of the Parochial Church Council on 10<sup>th</sup> January to discuss responsibilities between organisations for the churchyard and surrounding area.</p> <p>d) Petts Stonemasons had agreed to make safe the headstone near the path from the park at a cost of £192.</p> <p>e) <b>Road safety:</b> Cllr Barry expressed concern at continuing speeding problems through the village and proposed consulting residents with a view to seeking a reduction the speed limit to 20mph; after discussion it was agreed to seek advice from the County Council on the feasibility of that and the process involved, and to request a County Council officer to attend a future meeting to explain that.</p> <p>e) <b>Public WC:</b> it was noted that the WC was in a poor state of cleanliness since the cleaning contract had ceased, and no applications had been received to date for the work. Agreed to seek temporary cleaning agency to bring back into usable state. It was also noted that DDDC had written for information on the operation of WC with a view to seeking to transfer ownership/responsibility in the future.</p>	<p>Clerk/ Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllrs Harris/ Addis/ Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

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20/12/9	<p>a) <b>The Current and Business Account Bank</b> Statements for November were approved and signed by the Chair.</p> <p>b) <b>Accounts for payment</b> a schedule showing the following cheques /Direct Debits was approved, and the cheques were signed:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="261 499 1342 824"> <tr> <td>No 1712</td> <td>C Rawas</td> <td>£185.00</td> <td>Salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No.1713</td> <td>A Payne</td> <td>£126.24</td> <td>Salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No 1747</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£438.75</td> <td>PAYE Q3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No 1715</td> <td>Ladywell Accountancy</td> <td>£98.00</td> <td>Payroll fees</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No 1716</td> <td>D Maginnis</td> <td>12.00</td> <td>Christmas trees</td> </tr> <tr> <td>No 1717</td> <td>M Heasman</td> <td>£50.00</td> <td>Christmas trees</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>E.On (Park)</td> <td>£21.56</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> </table> <p>c) <b>Payments received:</b> a cheque for £30.00 in respect of memorial fees (Land) had been received.</p> <p>d) <b>The monthly Statement</b> for period 8 detailing income and expenditure to 05 December 2016, 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> <p>e) <b>VAT:</b> noted that a VAT claim for £409.01 for the period 01/12/2015 to 30/11/2016 had been submitted.</p> <p>f) <b>Precept:</b> it was reported that the precept documentation had been received and that the claim and budget would need to be approved at the next meeting.</p>	No 1712	C Rawas	£185.00	Salary	No.1713	A Payne	£126.24	Salary	No 1747	HMRC	£438.75	PAYE Q3	No 1715	Ladywell Accountancy	£98.00	Payroll fees	No 1716	D Maginnis	12.00	Christmas trees	No 1717	M Heasman	£50.00	Christmas trees	DD	E.On (Park)	£21.56	Electricity	
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20/12/10	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>16/00800/FUL - Installation of new window to upstairs bathroom - 63 High Street, Bonsall: approved</b></p> <p><b>Memorials For Frank Land – Approved</b></p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																												
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20/12/12	<p><b>Date of next meeting: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm</b>  <b>Sub – committees/working groups: Policy meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 6.45pm</b></p>																													

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