

Bonsall Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Bonsall Parish Council Meeting** held on Tuesday 21st February 2012 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Lane(Chair), Cllr V Addiss, Cllr G Henderson, Cllr Claire Taylor, Cllr Pountain DDDC
Cllr Cartwright Mrs C Rawas (Clerk) Mr D Robertson (Finance Officer) 2 members of the public

2/12/1 Apologies for absence, , DCC Cllr Purdy,

2/12/2 Any variation on order of business. None.

Declaration of Members interests in this Agenda. None Declared

2/12/3 Public Speaking.

Cllr Cartwright circulated the minutes of the DDDC meetings which had taken place in the last month.

Cllr Cartwright outlined DDDC plans for Markets in the district explaining Matlock's Monday market will close, Ashbourne Thursday market will close. There are to be no changes to Bakewell market opening times. All rents will rise by 5%

Request to add Dog Fouling and Grit bins and cascading information to the next agenda.

Jane Williams – Chair of Bonsall riders group raised the issue of the BOAT application saying if the byways are open to all traffic it the group have concerns that the lane will become dangerous for existing users. The current situation is relatively safe but horse riders would not have room against 4x4's

2/12/4 The minutes of the meeting of 21st January 2012 were approved as a true record with the correction that the minute number for Parish Matters, Planning, Correspondence and finance should have read 12/11/5,6,7,8.

Parish matters

Fountain, Wells and Cross project - Work to restore the Cross, Wells and Fountain has now been completed and Bonsall Parish Council would like to arrange an exhibition of pictures recalling memories of the features and are asking that anyone with any photos they would be willing to share to contact the Clerk on bonsallclerk@gmail.com or 820947. The photos can be from any time – and Councillors would be especially interested in pictures from the 60's 70's 80's and 90's. Councillors formally recorded thanks to the Clerk for the work done on this project.

2/12/5

Public Conveniences/Solar Panels. Bonsall Parish Council will be taking on responsibility for the Toilets and will be opening then as soon as DDDC pass over the keys. Councillors expressed their thanks to Collette at the Barley Mow for her patience allowing so many visitors to avail themselves of the facilities at the Barley Mow.

On advice from the Bonsall Energy Group the Parish Council will not be pursuing solar

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energy on the roof of the building as it will not provide a useful energy source.

Street Lighting (Derbyshire County Council consultation)

Derbyshire County Council provide and maintain around 89,000 street lights across Derbyshire. They have recently consulted on a proposal to switch off around 40,000 street lights between midnight and 5.30am and permanently turning off around 900 others. Councillors have resolved to respond stating that none of the lights in Bonsall should be permanently removed.

Derbyshire County Council Informal consultation about public access rights on various lanes on Bonsall Moor: Blakemere Lane, Blakelow Lane, Moorlands Lane, Green Lane, Moor Lane. Councillors were pleased to have had so much feedback from residents about the proposed opening up to motorised vehicles of:

All the feedback received had been opposed to the proposals and following discussion and an additional representation in person at the meeting from The Bonsall Riders Group councillors resolved to send their objection to the proposal to DCC.

The objections are based on the following.

- 1) There is a long standing history and tradition of the use of these paths by pedestrians and horse riders. Bonsall Parish Council have grave concerns about the impact on the safety of these users should vehicular access be allowed. There are no passing places and a conflict between a Horse and Rider and a 4x4 vehicle would be impossible to resolve safely.
- 2) The width of the lanes gives rise to concerns about damage to flora and Fauna in the Area. Bonsall Moor falls within the Peak Park and is designated a conservation area in order to protect the outstanding environment. Bonsall Parish Council are committed to preserving that environment and employ a specialist Foothpaths Officer to support that aim. Councillors feel the proposal to open these lanes to all traffic poses an unacceptable risk to the local environment.
- 3) Vehicles too large for the lanes have the potential to significantly damage the dry stone walling edging the lanes.
- 4) Bonsall Parish Council are aware of some historical misuse of the lane which required police intervention due to damage caused by uninsured drivers. This illegal use of the lanes provided evidence of the potential damage that could occur and raised the question of who would take responsibility for repairs under those circumstances.

Peak District National Park Parish representative (nominations) – no nominees from Bonsall

Date for Annual Parish Meeting May 15th 7pm.

Repairs to Gate at the top of the Church Steps – Peter Spencer to investigate and repair if possible

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Request for a gritbin to be placed outside 80 High Street. Resolved to supply the grit if the residents wish to buy their own bin.

Planning

2/12/6 Application number: 12/00022/FUL Installation of 2 no. Vending machines Mr Chris Bastin. 3 Via Gellia Mill, Bonsall. **Approved**
Revised plans for application NP/DDD/0811/0766 Continuation of stone extraction (in the form of block) from the consented area of New Pilhough Quarry. **Noted**

Correspondence

- 2/12/7
- a) DDDC proposed erection of flagpole – planning permission is required
 - b) DDDC response to request for information on DDDC landholdings in Bonsall – documents noted
 - c) CPRE GUIDE TO Neighbourhood Planning
 - d) DCC Members' Service Development Diary - Feb 12
 - e) DALC circulars 4/5/6/7 2012
 - f) District Council Area Community Forums - March 2012
 - g) Peak District Rural Housing Association request for information on Housing needs.
 - h) Invoice for annual hosting of Bonsall Village Webs

2/12/8 **Finance**
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- a) Current financial statement issued to Councillors
- b) Approval & authorisation of work, etc:
 - Wish Computers - repairs to BPC laptop = £84.00
 - S Poplar Builders Ltd - repairs to the Cross and village wells = £5,400.00
 - Lengthsman - 12 hours @ £6.56 =£78.72 less PAYE £39.36 = £39.36 + fuel £25.00 = £64.36
 - Parish Clerk - 20 hours @ £8.919 = £178.38 less PAYE £35.80 = £142.58
 - RFO - 13 hours @ £8.919 = £115.95 less PAYE £23.20 = £92.75 plus exps £14.15 = £106.90
 - K G Falconer - Web site fees - £101.99
- c) Authorisation and payment of cheques

Cheque No	Payee	For	Amount
1332	Wish Computers	Repairs	£84.00
1333	S Poplar Builders Ltd	Repairs	£5,400.00
1334	P Spencer	Salary + exps	£64.36
1335	C Rawas	Salary	£142.58
1336	D S Robertson	Salary + exps	£106.90
1337	K G Falconer	Web site fees	<u>£101.99</u>
		Total	£5,899.83

2/12/9 Date of next meeting 21st March 2012