

Bonsall Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Bonsall Parish Council Meeting** held on Tuesday 14th December at 7.30pm.
(To be approved)

Present: Councillor D Lane (Chair), Cllr B Cartwright, Cllr A Gregory, Cllr K Taylor Mrs C Rawas (Clerk) Mr D Robertson (Finance Officer) DDC Cllr Hume, DCC Cllr Purdy 1 member of the public

12/10/1. Apologies for absence. Cllr A Brazewell

12/10/2. Any variation on order of business. None

Declaration of Members interests in this Agenda. None Declared

12/10/3. Public Speaking.

Cllr Purdy asked for feedback on how the new gritting policy had worked during the bad weather, he recommended any issues be reported via email rather than by phone. If issues arise with access to the School as their policy is to remain open Cllr Purdy recommended contacting Dick Hardy.

Cllr Purdy reported the gulleys at the top of High Street had been cleared

Cllr Purdy raised the issue of extending village hall facilities, but it was felt that the issue had been explored extensively previously.

Cllr Purdy reported that permission for the Sinfon Incinerator has been refused on appeal and this is likely to have an impact on the cost of landfill tax per household.

12/10/4 The minutes of the meeting 16th November 2010 were approved as an accurate record.

12/10/5. Reports from Parish Councillors

a) **Planning Applications.**

10/00732/FUL Change of use and incorporation of land into residential curtilage and erection of summer house (retrospective) Mrs Elizabeth Howsley. Poppy Cottage 59 Yeoman Street, Bonsall. Bonsall Parish Council objected to the application on the basis of concerns about the visual effects on the area of this and any subsequent developments which may follow as a result of this application being granted.

Bonsall Parish Council would wish the line of development along the bank behind Yeoman Street to be maintained at its current level and not extended and therefore object to this incorporation of land into residential curtilage.

Notification had also been received that the application for 5 Study Drive was to be reviewed by DDC Planning Committee at the January meeting as the site visit had been cancelled due to the poor weather conditions. Bonsall Parish Council wished to express their support for the application on the basis that symmetry is not in itself an essential design feature of planning in this village. Bonsall Parish Council do strongly support this sympathetic extension of a village property to enable a young family to stay in the village and support the village school.

b) **Burial Ground.** Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the control of the Parish Council there have been some problems with the positioning of graves dug which has resulted 2 of the allocated spaces not being available. The Chairman and the Clerk are to meet with the people concerned to take steps to address this issue as soon as possible to find, agree and confirm a new spaces within the Burial Ground.

c) **Live and Work Rural.** Support is available to rural businesses via the Peak District Park Initiative, please see their website www.peakdistrict.gov.uk

d) **Salt and Grit in the village.** Parish Councillors wished to express their thanks to everyone in the village who has been helping out others during the bad weather. Councillors extended their appreciation to Peter Spencer for his work in keeping the grit piles topped up around Bonsall. If anyone in the village needs or can offer help to others during the bad weather, perhaps offering lifts or collecting shopping, please contact the Clerk on 01629 820947 and we will try and put people together

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12/10/6 Finance

Financial statements could not be prepared, due to the lack of bank statements.

b) Approval & authorisation of work & bills:

Clerk - 20 hours @ £8.919 = £178.38 less PAYE £35.68 = £142.70

RFO - 10 hours @ £8.919 = £89.19 less PAYE £17.84 = £71.35 plus expenses £25.85 = £97.20

Lengthsman - 30 hours @ £6.56 = £196.80 less PAYE £39.36 = £157.44 plus expenses £113.39 =

£270.83

(Mr Spencer had already been reimbursed for buying rock salt and other expenses £123.10)

Hollies Farm Plant Centre - 2 invoices for maintenance of planters total £202.33

c) Authorisation and payment of cheques

Cheque No	Payee	For	Amount
1244	P Spencer	Rock salt, etc	£123.10
1245	P Spencer	Salary & expenses	£270.83
1246	C Rawas	Salary & expenses	£142.70
1247	D S Robertson	Salary & expenses	£97.20
1248	Hollies Farm	Planters	<u>£202.33</u>
		Total	£836.16

Recommended for approval

d) Annual Precept (DDDC) - see attached worksheet.

It was agreed that the estimate for 2011/12 should be £6144

Reimbursable Expenditure - see attached worksheet.

It was agreed that the estimate for the closed churchyard should be £1456

The above estimates were submitted to DDDC.

d) Unmetered electricity supply - the schedule of lighting at the Cross, and two telephone kiosks was approved, and E.On were so informed.

f) Risk Assessment - the schedule was updated and approved.

g) Letters of thanks were signed by Chair for despatch to our three manual workers.

Recommended for approval

12/10/7 Monthly report for Mutterings – The Bin collection calendar will no longer be published by DDDC so it will be displayed in the noticeboards and submitted to Mutterings.

12/10/8 Date of next meeting 18th January 2011
Date for Agenda Items to be submitted to the Clerk 7th January
Meeting closed at 8.40pm