

Bonsall Parish Council

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Minutes of the **Bonsall Parish Council Meeting** held on Tuesday 17th August at 7.30pm.
(To be approved)

Present: Councillor D Lane (Chair), Councillors, D Pountain, A Brazewell, B Cartwright, K Taylor, Mr D Robertson (Finance Officer), Mrs C Rawas (Clerk) PSCO Jones and 3 members of public

8/10/1. Apologies for absence. Cllr Paul Tuner

8/10/2. Any variation on order of business. None

8/10/3. Declaration of Members interests in this Agenda. None Declared

8/10/4. Public Speaking – Request that the Council follow Good Practice Procedure regarding the public display of agendas and minutes, ensuring they are available in noticeboards in a timely manner. The issue of the updating the website was also raised

PSCO Jones reported there had been 5 crimes since his last report, a domestic, a burglary on 14/15 July where the window of a house on Clatterway was smashed, a car was damaged in Slaley on 28th July. The public toilets were vandalized during the Carnival and 20 gallons of diesel was stolen from one of the lorries at H Strange at the bottom of the Dale. Any information please to PSCO Jones – contact details at the bottom.

Carnival went well from a policing point of view, there had been reports of potential trouble but as the organizers were aware in advance it was possible to warn the individuals concerned to stay away from the area. Parking was a problem and was on the agenda for this meeting.

Cllrs enquired about the safety of the Via Gellia and the road becoming narrowed by mud, PSCO Jones agreed to look into this.

Dog Fouling/Roaming Dogs in the Village. PSCO Jones reported that while it is technically illegal for a Dog to be roaming without a lead he was unaware of any prosecutions for the offence.

Contact details for PSCO Jones: Telephone 0345 123333, email: martin.jones@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk.
Matlock Police Station, Bank Road. Matlock

8/10/5. Approval of the Minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 20th July 2010.
Resolved to Approve

6/10/6. Reports from Parish Councillors:

- a) **Community Buildings / Parish Council Survey** Not enough copies had been available for distribution at the Carnival.
- b) **Request from Mutterings for funding**
The Mutterings Team requested a contribution to the running costs of Mutterings
Resolved: to make a donation of £400
- c) **Village Storage**
The Clerk reported Planning permission would be required and land ownership may be an issue.
Resolved to donate £1,000 from the Calor Money to the Village Hall Committee as match funding to the Carnival Funding for them to create the required storage.
- d) **Burial Ground, Memorial Benches**
A number of issues need to be resolved around the Burial Ground including a review of burial fees, the siting of memorial benches and maintenance.
Resolved: Cllr Lane, Cllr Taylor and the Clerk to form a working party to identify and make recommendations to Bonsall Parish Council with regard to the Burial Ground.

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- e) **Planning Applications** – responses sent and information received (Some of these were out of time due to the handover to the New Clerk)
10/00383/FUL Mill Race Cottage. Change of Use of dependant relative accommodation to holiday let Miss Victoria Carr. (Granted)
NP/DDD/0610/0542 Replacement Porch (withdrawn)
NP/DDD/06100682 Mr and Mrs Latham The Beeches Moor Lane, Uppertown. House extension and replacement ancillary domestic building (Granted)
NP/DDD/0208/0104Tearsall Open Pit, proposed extraction of fluorspar ore and associated vein mineral by open pit methods from an extension to the workings at Tearsall (Granted)
NP/DDD/0709/0678 Well Lane Slayley 2 storey extension and replacement porch (Granted)

- f) **Derbyshire Dales District Council proposal on provision of Public Toilets in Bonsall**
DDDC have written to all Parish Councils where Public Conveniences are currently provided as they are looking to review the provision. Bonsall Parish Council have been asked for views on taking responsibility for the Public Conveniences. The Clerk presented a short report on the costs (attached)

Councillors felt that the costs were significant (around £4,000 p/a) representing 2/3rds of the current precept for Bonsall and that DDDC should be challenged on their decision to pass on the responsibility to Bonsall Parish Council. Councillors felt strongly that losing the public conveniences in Bonsall was not an option as they are used by residents and visitors to the Village and whilst the costs could be reduced it would still create a too much of a burden on an already stretched precept.

Resolved: The Clerk to write to DDDC in response making it clear that Bonsall Parish Council believe this provision to be the responsibility of the District Council

- g) **Village Parking.** Councillors discussed the difficulties with parking at Village events specifically the difficulties created on Carnival Saturday, Firework Friday and at The Hen Races. People had double parked and many residents and visitors experienced great difficulties moving around as well as in and out of the Village.

Parking around the Park and Bus Stops – complaints have been received about visibility being reduced by some parking around the area of the Park,

Resolved: To arrange a Public Meeting to discuss possible solutions to the problems of parking at Village events which may include Park and Ride from outside the Village

Resolved: To add an appeal to the Mutterings report for people to park considerately and safely in the Village.

- h) **Open Gardens.** The committee have requested sums of their money which is held for them by Bonsall Parish Council but they had not confirmed what the amounts were.
Resolved: That RFO be authorised to make the transactions when Open Gardens confirm the amounts.

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8/10/7. Urgent Business

Given the urgent nature of some business items raised to Parish Councillors on the day of the meeting Bonsall Parish Council resolved to accept and discuss the following items:

Pointing of Bonsall Cross. Cllr Brazewell was thanked for his work in to date. He reported that the survey showed the work ought to be completed before November and is likely to cost around £1,500. The Clerk was asked to investigate funding opportunities for this work.

Cllrs Gregory and Pountain were thanked for their work on the Goalposts and nets.

Newcomers pack. Cllr Brazewell requested 2 copies.

Damage to marquees. One marquee was badly damaged during the Carnival. One Marquee is in very good condition. Councillors felt that as only one marquee is usually hired out at a time and the only times both are in use is at Carnival and Open Gardens therefore the most cost effective solution is to repair the damaged marquee rather than go to the expense of having it replaced.

Verges in the Dale: Councillors have received complaints about the state of overgrown verges in the Dale which means people find it hard to walk safely when there is two way traffic.

Resolved: Bonsall Parish Council to write to DDDC requesting the verge cutting be carried out and inform DCC Cllr Purdy and DDDC Cllr Hulme.

Quarry Blasting: Cllr Pountain reported complaints about increased blasting from Ball Eye Quarry with an increase in frequency and force as well as blasting taking place on Sundays.

Resolved: To raise the issue of blasting at Ball Eye Quarry with DDDC Cllr Hulme.

Loose Handrail: The handrail at the top of Clatterway opposite the Cascades is loose

Resolved: The Clerk to report the issue to Highways.

Grit Bins: Request to move the Grit Bin at the Cross back into the Bandstand

Resolved: The lengthsman be asked to move the Bin

Request for an additional Grit Bin at Long Row.

Resolved: No additional Grit Bins can be provided due to financial constraints

8/10/8. Finance

Financial statement for p.e. 30/7/10 were issued to Parish Councillors.

b) Approval and authorisation of work and bills:

Lengthsman - 25 hours @ £6.56 = £164.00 less PAYE £32.80 = £131.20 plus expenses (fuel) £20.00
Total = £151.20

Churchyard - 14 hours @ £6.56 = £91.84 less PAYE £18.36 = £73.48 plus expenses (fuel) £10.00
Total = £83.48

Handyman - no claim

Clerk - 20 hours @ £8.919 = £178.38 less PAYE £35.67 = £142.70 (no expenses)

RFO - 10 hours @ £8.919 = £89.19 less PAYE £17.84 = £71.35 plus expenses (email connection) £4.83
Total £76.18

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E.On electricity bill for light at the Cross £15.81
E.On electricity bill for the Park £34.81
R Wright for pointing at the Cross £140
C Weston for pointing at the Cross £140
Donation to Mutterings £400
M Cruttenden - materials for repairs to fencing £27.11

c) Authorisation and payment of cheques:

| Cheque No | Payee | For | Amount |
|-----------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1213 | E.On | Lighting | £15.81 |
| 1214 | E.On | Electricity | £34.81 |
| 1215 | P Spencer | Salary & expenses | £151.20 |
| 1216 | C Rawas | Salary | £142.70 |
| 1217 | D S Robertson | Salary & expenses | £76.18 |
| 1218 | M Biggin | Salary & expenses | £83.48 |
| 1219 | R Wright | Pointing work | £140.00 |
| 1220 | C Weston | Pointing work | £140.00 |
| 1221 | Mutterings | Donation | £400.00 |
| 1222 | M Cruttenden | Fencing materials | <u>£27.11</u> |
| | | Total | £1211.29 |

Meeting Closed at 9.25pm

Date of next meeting: 21st September 2010 7.30 at Bonsall Village Hall
Agenda Items to the Clerk by 10th September