

**BONSALL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF BONSALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2005**  
**AT BONSALL VILLAGE HALL.**

**103/2005/NOVEMBER – PRESENT**

Cllr Cartwright (chair)  
Cllr Engelbregsten  
Mrs C Smith (clerk)

Cllr Cruttenden  
Cllr Hind

Dist Cllr March  
Cllr Headon

**104/2005/ NOVEMBER – APOLOGIES.**

County Cllr Ratcliffe  
Cllr Falconer  
Cllr Lynch  
Cllr Rowlands

**105/2005/ NOVEMBER – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.**

A copy of the minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2005 was signed as a true record of the meeting, and ratified by the Chairman.

**106/2005/ NOVEMBER – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Cllrs Cruttenden, Cartwright and Hind and declared an interest in item 7 Allotments on the agenda.

Cllr Cruttenden declared an interest in item 6 Friends of Bonsall Framework Knitters on the agenda.

Cllr Headon declared an interest in item 8 Village Hall on the agenda.

Cllrs Cruttenden, Cartwright, Headon and Hind, in the presence of the Clerk, signed the Declaration of Interests record book.

**107/NOVEMBER – FINANCE.**

See separate sheet.

**a. Current Financial Statement.**

**b. Approval and authorisation of work.**

**Churchyard.**

30hrs @ £5.15	£154.50
Petrol	£ 16.00
	£170.50

**Lenghtsman.**

No bill this month

**c. Authorisation and payment of cheques.**

Mrs C Smith	£ 110.00
M. Biggin	£ 170.50
British Legion	£ 15.00
Powergen	£ 17.98
Audit Commission	£141.00
13 Spiders Ltd	£156.00
Cllr K Falconer	<u>£ 6.09</u>
	<u>£613.57</u>

The Parish Council's bank balance is very healthy at present, and the Audit Commission has given the Parish Council's annual audit a satisfactory report.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for Cllr Falconer's travelling expenses when he attends the National Calor Village of the Year awards in London shortly.

The Parish Council agreed to increase the Precept for the coming year to 3%. The Precept increase will contribute towards street lighting, planters, handyman's wages, and if the Parish Council take over the maintenance of the public toilets from DDDC, this will be included within the Precept.

Voting: 1 abstained. 1 for no increase [Cllr Headon]. 3 agreed to increase.

**108/2005/ NOVEMBER - REPORTS BACK FROM REPRESENTATIVES.**

Dist Cllr March reported that he would request that the autumn leaves be swept up in around ten days, hopefully by then most of the leaves will have come off the trees.

Cllr Cruttenden reported that on the 4<sup>th</sup> November a loud explosion took place and this resulted in a spate of complaints, to the Parish Council and DDDC. It appears that the explosion took place at Ball Eye quarry. DCC minerals have been in touch with Ball Eye quarry, and they are actively working on the site again. It is understood that no agreement has been made for the works to re-start. The Enforcement Officer is involved and negotiations are to take place. An article will appear in Mutterings advising anyone who has any complaints about Ball Eye to contact the Parish Council or DDDC & DCC

Cllr Cruttenden also reported that he had attended the local Forum meeting, and informed the Parish Council that a refuse site is to open at Ashbourne in the early spring. The site at Darley Dale is also expected to open sometime next year. It is anticipated that householders will be able to recycle cardboard in their garden waste (green) bin by 2007.

The Police also attend the Forum meetings and they were made aware again that we still do not have a community policeman. This is being looked in to by Derbyshire Constabulary, and they will liaise with Dist Cllr March when one is employed and when the mobile unit will visit the village again.

**109/2005/ NOVEMBER – FRIENDS OF BONSALL FRAMEWORK KNITTERS.**

No report this month.

**110/2005/ NOVEMBER – ALLOTMENTS.**

The planning application for the Allotments has been passed, with thanks to all concerned with making this possible. Now the hard work begins.

**111/2005/NOVEMBER – VILLAGE HANDY PERSON**

Mr Leigh Johnson has accepted the position of handyman to the Parish Council. It was agreed to employ Leigh Johnson on a one-year contract to be review in twelve months time. Leigh signed a contract of employment, and was provided with a job description, and terms and conditions information.

The Chair welcomed Leigh to the Parish Council. A list of jobs will be bought before the Parish Council's next meeting for approval for Leigh to start work on.

This month it was agreed that Leigh would litter pick and assist with the Christmas trees.

**112/2005/NOVEMBER –VILLAGE HALL**

Leigh Johnson reported that one quote had been received for the cost of the redecoration of the village hall, several others will be sought.

It was noted that the biggest item of expenditure that the village hall has is maintenance.

Two donations have been received for the village hall fund, are £357 was raised at the autumn fair, and the Kings Head donated £150, from a recent event.

**113/2005/NOVEMBER –YOUTH SERVICES**

Helen Greatorex, Derbyshire County Council, Youth Services District Manager, for Derbyshire Dales attended the meeting to advise on youth services for Bonsall.

Ms Greatorex was aware that Alan Brown, former youth leader had retired, and no replacement had been found. Ms Greatorex gave the Parish Council an overview of what is available, and what works and does not work with young people.

- Derbyshire County Council has no funding available to help set up a youth club or fund a youth leader.
- Derbyshire County Council can offer training and support to interested villages, through their outreach programme, and in other ways.
- To consult with young people to what they want, and have someone on their level they trust to open negotiations with them, before any other work is done.

## ADOPTED MINUTES

- Any youth activities offered through the Youth Service, must be of educational benefit to the young people. There is a strict criteria and OFSTED are also involved. Anyone wishing to help with youth services must be CRB checked.
- Facilities are no always a key factor in providing services for young people. Having somewhere to go, that's warm and they feel safe going to is important.
- Offering trips out is the most expensive way of offering something to young people, although they do prove to be popular, many parents are not always in a position to be able to afford this kind of thing, and so some of the young people become more isolated.
- The age spectrum is important. Getting younger children involved is not as difficult as it is engaging the 13-18 year olds. Having split age groups is important. [Jnr 11-14 years and Snr 14 plus].
- Transport to other villages with different facilities is a problem in more remote community areas, and so the use of the community bus is advised.
- The mobile unit for the Youth Service visited the village in the summer, but this was poorly attended.

Several people have shown an interest in helping with this project, and a meeting will be arranged with them.

The Parish Council thanked Ms Greatorex for her help, and would get in touch with her in the future after consulting with all involved.

Cllr Englebregsten offered the village hall a pool table from the Kings Head, which is no longer used.

### **114/2005/NOVEMBER – STEPPING LANE**

Mrs Williams attended the meeting for the Parish Council to update her on the progress of her being able to use the land at Stepping lane to graze her horse on.

Bonsall Camp a hold the lease to this land, but the Parish Council have been maintaining the land for the last three years.

The Church which runs Bonsall camp and the owner of the land have been consulted about this situation.

The land belongs to a Mrs Bagnall, who was unable to maintain the land, prior to and after Bonsall camp leased it from her. Mrs Bagnall approached the Parish Council to see if they could help. This was towards the latter end of 2002. The Parish Council have maintained the area to the best of their abilities, with it being noted that Cllr Cruttenden has spent time voluntarily working on the land, with the assistance of the lengersman.

The blackthorn is the biggest vegetation, which needs to be dealt with. This has been cut back 2/3 times a year and is slowly being kept under control. There is a lot of work to be done on the land still, but this takes time, and patience. It is hoped that with the employment of the new handyman this would become one of his jobs.

Mrs Williams stated that she had been approached by Dave Quinn of Bonsall camp, when he heard that she was looking for grazing. Mrs Williams has also been into the field and removed some ragwort, and thistles that were growing on the land. Mrs Williams has had an estimate for the work, which would be necessary for a horse to graze the land and it would be around £500, which she is willing to pay. If the land did become available for grazing then the seats that the Parish Council have placed would either have to be moved or fenced off. These seats are well used by walkers to the area.

It was agreed that until the Church and the landowner respond, and give a clear decision over the land, no further action will be taken, as a response is not expected till in the New Year.

Mrs Williams and all interested parties will be invited to a meeting to discuss the next step when a decision is received.

### **115/2005/NOVEMBER –CORRESPONDENCE**

See separate sheet.

## ADOPTED MINUTES

The grit bins need refilling, and the sign at the bottom of the Dale/Bankside has gone missing. The Clerk will contact the Highways dept regarding this.

Cllr Cartwright reported that part of the wall on Dobb Lane has been removed, with what appears to be the premise of stopping motorcycles etc. using the lane. Cllr Cartwright has been in touch with Phil Berry Derbyshire County Council footpaths officer and he is to investigate this, and the "status" of Dobb Lane. Cllr Cartwright asked approval of the Parish Council, to invite Mr Berry to a council meeting in the New Year to discuss these issues. Cllr Cartwright is still in discussion with Mike Hase DDDC about the local Plan.

A letter has been received from a resident about replacing the brass plaque on the Fountain. It was agreed that in principle this would be a good idea. The Clerk will write a holding letter to the resident, regarding this.

With the restoration of the Fountain in mind Dist Cllr March will enquire about the conservation of the Fountain with DDDC.

### **116/2005/ NOVEMBER – MONTHLY REPORT FOR MUTTERINGS.**

Items for this month's edition:

Ball Eye Quarry  
Allotments  
Handyman

A letter in Mutterings, is quoted as saying that the notice board in Uppertown is not being used properly. This will be followed up.

Dist Cllr March left the meeting at 9.20pm.

### **117/2005/NOVEMBER – PLANNING.**

*Planning Applications received from Peak Park Planning & Derbyshire Dales District Council, for consideration by the Parish Council.*

**1.Planning Application No: 05/00788/FUL** – conversion of barn for holiday unit. Land at Slaley Lane, Bonsall. – Mr & Mrs Rickards.

No objections.

**2.Planning Application No: 05/00879/FUL** - Single storey rear extension. 4 Ember Lane, Bonsall. – Ms S Gibbs.

No objections.

*Planning application decisions by Peak Park Planning & Derbyshire Dales District Council.*

**a.Planning Application No:05/00840/FUL** – Retention of external flue. 2 Hillcrest, Uppertown, Bonsall. - Dr Hesp & Ms Welborn.

Withdrawn.

**b.Planning Application No:05/00752/FUL** – Formation of access/parking area and erection of tool storage building. Bonsall Lane, Bonsall. - Bonsall Parish Council.

Passed.

### **102/2005/ NOVEMBER – AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.**

Stepping Lane  
Precept  
Village Hall  
Website Finance

### **NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> December 2005.**

Meeting closed at 9.40PM.

ADOPTED MINUTES