

BONSALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF BONSALL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF 17TH
MAY 2005 AT BONSALL VILLAGE HALL.

1/2005/MAY– PRESENT.

Cllr Cruttenden (chair)	Mr P Fox
Cllr Cartwright	Mrs B Webster
Cllr Engelbregsten	Mrs P Slack
Cllr Hind	Mr J Fairey
Cllr Falconer	Mrs K Frost
Cllr Headon	Mr J Sewry
Cllr Lynch	Mr B Lee
Cllr Rowlands	Mr P Fellows
Mrs C Smith (clerk)	

2/2005/MAY-APOLOGIES

County Cllr Ratcliffe

3/2005/MAY – WELCOME & OPENING OF THE MEETING

Cllr Cruttenden welcomed all the residents who had attended. The Parish Council introduced themselves to the residents present.

4/2005/MAY – OPEN FORUM

See Chairman's Report.

Cllr Cruttenden gave a brief over view of the Parish Councils activities over the past year.

See Financial Report.

Cllr Hind reported on the Parish Councils financial situation.

Money spent this year:

- Restoration of the War Memorial
- Erection of streetlight on Puddle Hill.
- New notice boards for the village.
- Children's activities in the summer.
- Ongoing footpath maintenance.
- Churchyard maintenance.

Cllr Cruttenden and Lynch informed the meeting of the progression for the search for allotment gardens for the village. The current situation is that land has been identified for this purpose and the planning authority have been approached for advise and unfortunately they advised us wrongly, and now the situation has gone to appeal and a legal process of which hopefully the situation will be rectified soon, and the allotments can go ahead.

Bonsall was awarded the Calor Middle Village Award last year, and the Parish Council are to enter the competition again this year.

The Parish Council is looking to try to attain Quality Status as a village, which entitles village if they reach a certain standard to access extra government funding. A varying criteria is required to gain this status, and procedures towards this are being put into place.

Recently the Parish Council, in co-operation with Peter Fellows produced a questionnaire and the results have now been collated and the results were discussed.

5/2005/MAY- VILLAGE QUESTIONS.

Cllr Falconer circulated the results of the questionnaire, and summarised the outcomes.

- People knew who the Parish Councillors were and what their function was.
- Communication could be improved. People were not sure what was going on. *Resolved* More information on to the notice boards.
- A volunteer day was attempted last year, but due to the poor weather and lack of support did not go ahead as planned. Another day is planned for later this year. *Suggestions of work for the volunteer day. *

Footpath clearance of Pounder Lane and Dobb Lane.
Clearance of self set trees from the Park and Bankside.

- Projects suggested for the next year.

Restoration of water to the Fountain monument.
Fight the possible closure of the public toilets, proposed by the District Council.

More Christmas lights for the village, and the village hall.
Further street lighting in black spot areas of the village. [Clatterway and The Dale.] [Change lights to Victorian style.]

Projects for the children and young people, and re-establishment of the Youth Club.

To find out what has happened about the community Bus project.
Further work towards re-establishing the football pitch at Kirk Meadow, or another site for sporting activities, such as cricket, as well as football.

To update the Village Design Statement, by adding an addendum.

To continue to support Mutterings. [Village planner to advertise activities in advance, possibly two months ahead of time.]

Continue to support the activities proved for the older people in the village.

More dog waste bins to be provided, on Dobb Lane and Church Street.

Surface drainage for the Park bottom/lorry park.

Village composting facility. [Possibly through the allotments site.]

Improving the look of the village. [Bonsall in Bloom, more seating]

- Major concerns raised.

Better communication with the District Council and the County Council.

Road safety.

Reinstatement of the white lines, at the Cross and at the Fountain.

Traffic calming measures.

Speeding through the village. [Around the top of Clatterway and the Park Head area.]

Parked cars. [Especially up Yeoman Street, High Street, and Uppertown, preventing the local service bus getting through to the top stops.]

Condition and lack of maintenance of the road surfaces.

Resolved The Highways dept are due to come back to review the current situation from the last visit and work they did, from six months ago. Mary Wardle from highways will be contacted to see when she can attend a meeting again, and people will be notified of this.

On the whole the majority of residents who returned the questionnaire were happy with the work done by the Parish Council, but the parish Council accept that there is room for improvement and development.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm