

BONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF BONSALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 17TH FEBRUARY 2004 AT BONSALL VILLAGE HALL.

133/2004/FEBRUARY – PRESENT.

Cllr Cruttenden (chair)
Cllr Falconer
Cllr Cartwright
Cllr Rowlands
Cllr Headon
Cllr Lynch
Cllr Hind
Cllr Frost
Dist Cllr March
Mrs C Smith (clerk)

134/2004/FEBRUARY – APOLOGIES.

County Cllr Read

135/2004/FEBRUARY – APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

An amended copy of the minutes of the meeting of 20th January 2004 was signed as a true record of the meeting, and ratified by the Chairman.

136/2004/FEBRUARY – DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Cruttenden declared any interest in item 16 on the agenda – Planning.
Cllrs Falconer & Cartwright declared an interest in item 12 on the agenda – Mutterings.

137/2004/FEBRUARY – FINANCE.

a. Current Financial Statement.

Cllr Hind circulated a financial report. See separate sheet for details.

b. Approval and authorisation of work.

Churchyard.

No work carried out this month.

Lenghtsman.

No work carried out this month.

c. Authorisation and payment of cheques.

Mrs C Smith	£108.16
Cllr Cruttenden	<u>£ 12.22</u>
	<u>£120.38</u>

Cllr Cruttenden raised the possibility of the Parish Council meeting the postage costs of the questionnaire sent out by the Mutterings team to all Derbyshire Dales Town and Parish Councils to assess support for the idea of a Community Print Shop. The Parish Council felt that the funding that Mutterings had already received was sufficient at the present time.

138/2004/FEBRUARY- REPORTS BACK FROM REPRESENTATIVES.

Cllr March reported that he had attended the Central Forum at Matlock Bath, where DDDC representatives gave a report on the Council Tax for 2004/05. The proposed rise could be 8%, an increase of 21pence per week. The DCC tax increase is proposed to be 2.98%, an increase of 51pence per week.

Cllr Cruttenden reported that part of the work on new road signs had been done. The Highways Dept. representative is to visit Uppertown to agree the best location of a 30 mph sign in Able Lane, and is still considering a 30 mph limit through Slaley.

The positioning of "Unsuitable for Heavy Vehicles" signs on Bankside would also need to be looked at.

Cllr Rowlands reported on the need for drain cleaning around Slaley Hall.

Cllr Hind reported that he had received concerns from residents about the state of disrepair of some of the caravans on the campsite. There were health & safety issues involved with a danger to children playing nearby. Cllr Cruttenden will be in touch with the owners.

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Cllr Headon reported that he had been informed that there was a grave in the Churchyard, which had 2 pots on it. The rules clearly state that only one pot is permitted per grave. Cllr Headon will put some guidelines in the next edition of Mutterings.

Cllr Falconer reported that Broadband was being received at the top of the village, and the rest of the village should follow shortly.

139/2004/FEBRUARY – FRIENDS OF BONSALL FRAMEWORK KNITTERS.

Cllr Falconer reported that two meetings had been held recently and a possible membership of fourteen people showed an interest. A constitution has been agreed and a small committee formed. A work plan has been formulated, and it has been broken down into three groups: Restoring, History and Awareness. A timetable is to be put together and backing and grants to be pursued. The Field Barns project will run along side the Framework Knitters, but will still be a separate project. The next meeting is to be held on 11th March when the Conservation Officer will attend to give advice and guidance on such issues as support for Listed Buildings where legislation is about to change.

140/2004/FEBRUARY – WEBSITE.

Cllr Frost reported that the website www.bonsallvillage.org was doing well, although the Valentine message board had not achieved much success. Other ideas are being looked at, such as swapping the home page around from time to time.

141/2004/FEBRUARY – ALLOTMENTS.

Cllrs Lynch and Cruttenden had met with Jim Blackwell from Derby Diocese and walked the proposed site. He appeared to have warmed to the Parish Council's proposals, and although he could not make any decision himself, would recommend to his committee the sale of the site to District or Parish Council at an agricultural land valuation.

142/2004/FEBRUARY – FOOTBALL PITCH.

Funding from Sport England and other similar organisations should be available to level the pitch once other issues had been settled. It would however first be essential that a Bonsall football club was re-established.

143/2004/FEBRUARY – ART & ARCHITECTURE TRAIL.

Cllr Cartwright reported that he had attended a meeting at Wirksworth with the Art & Architecture Trail members. There have been some changes to the initial planning, and it is now proposed that Bolehill and Bonsall combine their activities for the weekend September 18th & 19th. Wirksworth are still organising the artists and where they will exhibit. Cllr Cartwright reported a lot of local interest with some firm offers from people willing to open their homes for the weekend. He had also received offers of help with the publicity and with the artist's liaison.

144/2004/FEBRUARY - FOOTPATHS.

Cllrs Cruttenden and Cartwright have read the consultation document on the use by motor vehicles of footpaths and bridleways. Cllr Cartwright had drafted a response to DALC supporting restrictions on certain paths and bridleways, which were approved by the Parish Council. A copy will be sent Patrick McLoughlin MP, as he is asking for Parish Councils view on this matter. Cllr Cruttenden reported that following a visit by County Council officials they had confirmed that if the Government allows Councils to prohibit motorised traffic on footpaths and bridleways, then Dobb and Pounder Lanes would be a priority for such prohibition.

Cllr Cruttenden is to contact the County Lighting department to see if any progress can be made in getting a revised price for the proposed light for Puddle Hill.

A letter will be sent to the County Highways department concerning the new potholes, which have appeared at the top of Clatterway and in the Via Gellia.

Ivy is growing down the wall and blocking the drainage channels at the bottom of Clatterway, just above the Pig 'o' Lead. Cllr Cruttenden will be in touch with the owners of the wall.

145/2004/FEBRUARY – MUTTERINGS

There was nothing to report this month.

146/2004/FEBRUARY – BONSALL FIELD BARNs.

Liz Stoppard gave the Parish Council a report about her work on the Field Barns. She reported that some time ago all the barns had been listed and described. She has been working from this list, and has visited and photographed many of the barns, but there are some which have disappeared, either having been used as a source of building materials or have simply collapsed. She has visited Swaledale to see how they have dealt with a similar problem and she found that the work was very impressive. She has contacted several interested parties, National Trust, Arkwright Society, English Heritage and the National Park Authority. Some of these agencies have said if Liz can arouse interest then they might be willing to help with exploring funding for this project. At present there are three members of the Field Barns project, and several Councillors expressed an interest in participating. Liz has an article in Mutterings next month and she is also advertising in the Matlock Mercury and Derbyshire Times. Suggestions were made to contact the Ramblers Association for support, as some of the barns, particularly those close to the Limestone Way, might be used as camping barns. It was suggested that the support of John Herbert, the Peak Park Parish representative, might be canvassed. Liz has set up a web site for the field barns, which will be live from next week. (Bonsallfieldbarnsproject.org).

147/2004/FEBRUARY – YOUTH PROJECTS.

There appeared to be support for the idea of workshops to introduce young people to new activities. Dist Cllr March is to attend a meeting next week to discuss the possibility of a bus in the evenings to run from Middleton, Bonsall and Cromford to Wirksworth Leisure Centre for the young people of the area. A note will be put in Mutterings for more feedback on this matter, and the subject will be discussed at next months meeting when it is hoped young people will come along with their own ideas.

148/2004/FEBRUARY –CORRESPONDENCE.

See separate sheet.

Dist Cllr March and Cllr Cruttenden left the meeting at 8.45pm.

149/200/FEBRUARY – PLANNING.

a. Application No:03/12/0962 – Detached garage/workshop – Mr & Mrs R & K Orr, The Dower House, 10 High Street, Bonsall.

Permission granted.

b. Application No:04/01/0001 – First floor extension - Mr & Mrs M Cruttenden, Hollowbrook Cottage, Clatterway, Bonsall.

The Parish Council has no objections to this application.

The Parish Council agreed to take a new approach to the handling of planning applications.

- When Mrs Smith receives an application, she will send it on to the next person on the planning list, and then contact Cllrs Cruttenden and Falconer, with the details and the closing date set by DDDC or Peak Park for PC comment.
- If the closing date for comment is before the next PC meeting it will be discussed at that meeting as happens now.
- If the application is complex, appears controversial, or there is objection from neighbours, the PC will ask for an extended deadline if needed so that the application can be considered by the whole Council.
- If however it looks straightforward, and there are no objections from neighbours, but the deadline for comment is before the next PC meeting, then it will be dealt with by a sub-committee comprising the Councillor handling that application and at least two other Councillors.

150/2004/FEBRUARY – AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

All items at the February meeting to be repeated.

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 16th MARCH 2004.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm.

