

BONSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF BONSALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 20th JANUARY 2004 AT BONSALL VILLAGE HALL.

118/2004/JANUARY – PRESENT.

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

104/2003/JANUARY – APOLOGIES.

Cllr Lynch
County Cllr Read

119/2004/JANUARY – APPROVAL OF THE MINTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

Amendments to the minutes of 9th December 2003 meeting were:

107/2003/DECEMBER – REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS.

(paragrah 5 – line 2) Properties which are empty for six months, holiday homes etc, will enjoy a 10% reduction only from April 2004.

109/2003/DECMBER – WEBSITE.

(paragrah 1 – line 2) Cllrs **Headon**, Frost and Falconer are looking for new ideas to get people to visit the site more frequently.

Subject to the above amendments the minutes of the meeting of 9th December 2003 were signed as a true record of the meeting, and ratified by the Chairman.

120/2004/JANUARY – FINANCE.

a. Current Financial Statement.

Cllr Hind distributed a copy of the current financial statement. See attached sheet.

b. Approval and Authorisation of work.

Churchyard.

None.

Lenghtsman.

None.

c. Authorisation of cheques.

Powergen	£ 5.34
Mrs C Smith	£100.00
DCTP (CLERKS COURSE)	£155.00

121/2004/JANUARY - REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS.

Dist Cllr March reported that the seat at Nether Green is to be replaced shortly. Leaf sweeping will be done again especially round the top of Clatterway.

Cllr Falconer reported that Broadband has been delay for about six weeks due to licensing frequency problems, but would now become active in March.

Cllr Crutenden reported that he had attended a meeting of the Quarry Liaison group and reported that the restoration and tree planting work at Parish Quarry would be completed soon. At the meeting much dissatisfaction had been expressed about the state of Ball Eye Quarry. It had been reported that plans for tourist development here might be presented in March.

The Peak Park have postponed any decision on the time extension of working at Tearsall Quarry, but Slinger had expressed support for our plans to seek grant from the Aggregate Levy to extend the re-walling on Bonsall Moor back towards the village.

Cllr Cruttenden and Mrs Smith had attended a meeting with the Audit Commission at Matlock Town Hall for the Performance Assessments of District Councils, along with other Parish Councils in the area, and the response was very positive towards the DDDC. We will receive a copy of the Commission's report later in the year.

Cllr Cruttenden attended a meeting of the Standards Commission and reported that Councillors are now required to declare if they are a Freemason. It was agreed that to ensure proper declaration of all interests by Councillors in matters for discussion at Parish Council Meetings, an item "Declaration of Interests" should appear after "Approval of Minutes" on all future Agendas.

The Open Gardens Scheme and the Flower Festival are set to be on the same weekend, which is the 12th & 13th June.

122/2004/JANUARY – FRIENDS OF BONSALL FRAMEWORK KNITTERS.

A meeting of the Friends of Bonsall Framework Knitters, had been held, where the wording of a Constitution had been agreed. The next meeting is on Tuesday 27th January in the Village Hall, at 8pm.

123/2004/JANUARY – WEBSITE.

The numbers of visitors to the website remains good. A useful contacts list has now been added, but more businesses to advertise on the site are needed. A new link with Mutterings is to be developed. A special Valentines Day page is in progress along with a special events page. Cllr Cartwright agreed to put a summary of Bonsall data from the 2001 census on the website.

124/2004/JANUARY – ALLOTMENTS.

A letter from the Diocese of Derby has been received by Leigh Johnson, who holds the tenancy of Kirk Meadow. This expressed strong opposition to the idea of using that part of the field not taken up by the football pitch, as allotments. Cllr Cruttenden will write to seek a meeting. It was agreed that if necessary to secure the agreement of the Diocese, the Parish Council might be prepared to underwrite any revised tenancy agreement.

A further request for confirmation of an interest in taking an allotment would appear in the next issue of Mutterings.

125/2004/JANUARY – FOOTBALL PITCH.

The proposal by Leigh Johnson to extend the football pitch on to the Lorry Park was felt to be not a good proposal, and The Parish Council would prefer to pursue the idea of levelling the existing pitch on Kirk Meadow. It was reported Hlland Ward had received a grant from Sport England, and had successfully levelled a very similar site. If Kirk Meadow was levelled there would still be room for some 9 or 10 allotments.

126/2004/JANUARY – ART & ARCHITECTURE TRAIL.

After a recent request in Mutterings for interest in the Art & Architecture Trail it was decided that some publicity should go ahead via the website.

Cllr Cartwright reported that he was proposing to ask people if they would be interested in opening their houses up to people as part of the Architecture trail, particularly those of historical interest. A map would be created for people to follow. It was hoped that maybe 25 homeowners might be interested. A proposal was made that some gardens which took part in the Open Garden scheme, might like to host sculpture. The question of insurance was raised. Insurance cover for the actual sculpture would need investigation, but as far as cover for visitors was concerned the experience of the Open Garden scheme was that provided insurers were notified cover was provided without charge since the opening was for a limited period and for charity. Cllr Cartwright will write to householders to seek their responses and interest. He will also be in touch with the Wirksworth group to find out what people want. Cromford seems unlikely to be involved this year in the project.

127/2004/JANUARY – SPEED LIMIT.

Cllr Cruttenden had met with a representative of County Highways and had toured the village to establish where the changes were needed. The proposal was to install a “Bonsall, Please drive slowly through the village” sign at the bottom of Clatterway, and a similar sign on the approach to the village from the Moor. The latter and a repositioned 30 mph sign should ideally be on the Moor side of Able Lane. If this was not possible then a new 30 sign would be fitted on Able Lane before the bend into Uppertown. Although a 30 limit through Slaley has been ruled out in the past, this will now be re-considered. There will be some further repositioning of existing signs and removal of some considered extraneous. All this will be completed before the end of March. The Parish Council agreed these changes but will keep the position under review and reassess in 6 months time.

Cllr Cartwright reported that he had received complaints about motor cyclist using Dob Lane, and the damage and mess caused. Mrs Smith advised him that a consultation document on this issue was available through DALC which she would pass it on to him. Cllr Cartwright undertook to consider and report to the next meeting.

128/2004/JANUARY – BONSALL FIELD BARNS.

Elizabeth Stoppard had raised this matter with the Parish Council, but was unavailable to attend the meeting. The item will be put on next month’s agenda.

129/2004/JANUARY – YOUTH PROJECTS.

An information pack has been received from County Cllr Read about possible funding for Youth Projects. The request for ideas in last month’s Mutterings had not produced a response but would be repeated. Additional ideas raised at the meeting included a climbing wall, and workshops with hands on activities. It also seemed likely that funding might be available towards the cost of transport to enable children to go to other areas, such as leisure centres. Contact will be made with Alan Brown, Youth Leader, the Headteacher of Bonsall School and the PTFA to canvass more ideas.

It was felt that the Parish Council would need to take a lead for any projects to get off the ground.

130/2004/JANUARY – CORRESPONDENCE.

See separate sheet.

131/2004/JANUARY – PLANNING.

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

No objections.

b. Application No:03/12/0961 – Erection of three, two storey dwellings and parking – on land adjacent to the east of Millpinch Cottage, The Dale, Bonsall – Mr D Brown.

Councillors Falconer, Frost and Hind indicated that as friends of the applicant they would not take any part in consideration of this item. It was pointed out that the site was outside the Core area of the village and as such development is unlikely to be allowed. It was understood that for this reason the Planning Officers would be recommending refusal to the Planning Committee. Nevertheless, in view of the unattractive nature of the site, and the perceived demand for affordable homes in the village, the Parish Council decided not to oppose the application, subject to: -

1. Steps being taken to ensure that as far as possible the properties are for local people only.
2. There are to be no extensions to the properties.
3. There are to be restrictions on parking.

c. Application No:04/01/0043 – Replacement of two telegraph poles and ariel cable – opposite New House, The Bank, Uppertown, Bonsall. Opposite 25 High Street, Bonsall – Mr P Neumann, British Telecom.

No objections.

d. Application No:NP/DDD/014/0006 – Extension and Alterations to Dwelling – Woodside Cottage, Black Tor Road, Slaley.

No objections.

e. Application No:03/11/0876 – Conservatory extension to side elevation – 88 High Street, Bonsall – Mr & Mrs Ward.

Permission has been granted.

f. Application No:03/00/0842 – Extension to existing car park – Massey's Garage, Yeoman Street, Bonsall – Mr H Massey.

Permission has been granted.

132/2004/JANUARY – AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

1. Friends of Bonsall Framework Knitters
2. Website
3. Allotments/Football pitch
4. Art & Architecture Trail
5. Footpaths
6. Bonsall field barns
7. Youth projects
8. Mutterings
9. Declaration of interests

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2004.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm.