

92/2003/NOVEMBER REPORTS BACK FROM REPRESENTATIVES.

Dist Cllr March reported that before he could contact DDDC to delay leaf sweeping as agreed at the last meeting, sweeping had already gone ahead. Dist Cllr March agreed to ask for another sweep when all the leaves are off the trees.

Dist Cllr March reported that the Arkwright Society's plans for Dunsley Meadows, had been deferred because one of the backers had withdrawn, leaving a shortfall £3000. DDDC were unable to make good this shortfall but would be approached again next year.

Cllr Rowlands reported that she is still receiving a lot of complaints about overhanging branches on Black Tor Lane. There were still branches from shrubs on the roadside of the wall, which were to have been removed, while landowners of adjacent land would need to remove other branches. Cllr Rowland also reported that the gulleys in Slaley are blocked with leaves, dirt and debris, so when it rains the water is making its own thoroughfare and is washing away residents driveways. Dist Cllr March would ask DDDC if the gulleys could be cleared at the same time as the leaf sweeping took place.

Cllr Falconer reported that the footpath sign at the junction of Abel Lane and Moor Lane was down again, and would need to be replaced.

Cllr Falconer also reported that Broadband was now live at Wirksworth, and would be available next year in the local area.

Cllr Cruttenden reported that he was to meet with the Rural Communities Council to explore any new sources of funding for the restoration work on the War Memorial, and the possible Village Print Facility. He also reported that the baffle to the light on the War Memorial had now been put up but was likely to require further adjustment.

93/2003/NOVEMBER – FRIENDS OF BONSALL FRAMEWORK KNITTERS.

Cllr Falconer reported on the formation of a Trust to undertake the restoration of the premises in the Dale and its subsequent use. It was hoped to call a meeting shortly of the proposed Trustees. From the PC these were likely to be himself, Cllrs Cruttenden, Rowlands, Headon and Lynch.

94/2003/NOVEMBER – WEBSITE.

Cllr Falconer reported that the website www.bonsallvillage.org was up and running, and had 30 hits in one day, but with a daily average around 7-8. Caroline Smith (clerk) will update the Parish Councils web page.

95/2003/NOVEMBER – ALLOTMENTS.

Cllr Cruttenden had started to write to all local landowners where these could be identified asking if they have any land that could be used for allotments. Cllr Cruttenden also reported that the only possibly suitable piece of School's Foundation land had now been sold. Cllr Headon had spoken to Leigh Johnson, about the football pitch proposal, and it now appeared that as well as a full sized pitch Kirk Meadow might provide space for 9 or 10 allotments. Leigh Johnson was checking on the length of the tenancy agreement with the church.

96/2003/NOVEMBER – MUTTERINGS.

Cllr's Falconer and Cartwright declared an interest as members of the Editorial team. It was considered that this was not a prejudicial interest. Peter Fellows distributed a copy of next year's financial projection for Mutterings. If Mutterings continued as an 8 page issue, it would continue to break even, but if it continued at 12 pages there would be a shortfall of £463, increasing to £796 if at 16 pages. The Parish Council felt that there was scope to tighten up on the contents and that a mix of 8 and 12 page issues might provide a reasonable basis from which to plan. Following discussion it was agreed that the PC would provide £400 to Mutterings from its 2004/5 budget and thereafter monitor the position closely with an annual review.

Cllr Cartwright informed the meeting that there may be funds available through the Midlands Co-Operative Society, which wishes to support rural communications and might support the possible Print Facility. Cllr Cartwright undertook to enquire further

97/2003/NOVEMBER – ART & ARCHITECTURE TRAIL.

Cllr Cartwright reported that Bolehill had a successful art exhibition, with 20 exhibitors and 800 visitors. Exhibitors paid £25 to show. A programme cost £1, and they made about a £1000, which covered the cost of the publicity.

Cllr Cartwright will contact Barbara Bowman about an exhibition in Bonsall, after he had spoken to Cromford PC Chairman Arnold Crosbie. The latter had not been encouraging but it

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was hoped to contact those interested in art through Barbara. The art group which meets on a Tuesday morning in the Rectory Room, will also be contacted. A proposed exhibition would run over one weekend. Cllr Cartwright will set up a group in the new year to co-ordinate the venture. An item in Mutterings to encourage volunteers for this group will be supported by an item on the website.

98/2003/NOVEMBER – SPEED LIMIT.

Cllr Cruttenden reported that the representative from the Highways Department should have a report ready for the next meeting.

99/2003/NOVEMBER – PRECEPT.

A proposal to increase the Precept for next year was discussed, as this has not been increase for the last four years. While current balances were healthy, it was hoped to proceed next year with several projects, including the additional street light, restoration of the war memorial, and village allotments. Income from burials would be much lower as all plots allocated for prior reservation had now been sold, while there was little hope of any increase in funding for footpaths from DCC. The payment received from this source next year was likely to be more than £900 less than the cost to the PC. In these circumstances it was agreed to seek an increase in Precept of 2.5%, or the likely level of inflation, bringing the Precept amount from £5000 to £5125.

100/2003/NOVEMBER- CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter of support for Wirksworth Care Project will be sent. A questionnaire from D.D.D.C. was discussed and filled in and sent off. See separate list for other correspondence.

Dist Cllr March left the meeting at 8.50pm.

101/2003/NOVEMBER – PLANNING.

a. Application No:03/06/0449 – New access and creation of frontage parking bays – 32 High Street, Bonsall – Mr & Mrs R Cartwright.

Permission granted.

b. Application No: 03/11/0842 – Extension to existing car park – Massey’s Garage, Yeoman Street, Bonsall – Mr H. Massey.

The Parish Council supports this application in principal, as part of its policy of encouraging off street parking. However the Parish Council was concerned at the likely visual impact on the residents of Yeoman Street and in particular to the adjacent Yeoman Cottage. In supporting the application they therefore asked that steps should be taken to provide some form of screening and that the level of the parking area should be such as to minimise the visual impact. The Parish Council would also like to stress that the ground is only used for parking and not for the outside repair and servicing of vehicles.

102/2003/NOVEMBER – AGENDAN ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

1. Friends of Bonsall Frame work Knitters.
2. Website.
3. Allotments
4. Art & Architecture Trail
5. Speed Limit

NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2003.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

