

**Bonsall Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 7.30pm at Bonsall Village Hall**

**Chair of the Council:** Cllr Mark Harris

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<b>Minute No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
18/7/1	<b>Present:</b> Cllrs Grover (Chair), Barry, Tobin, S Smith and Ms J Milverton (Clerk/RFO). County Councillor D Murphy, K. Potter Peak Park Forum and 3 members of the public.	
18/7/2	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> M Harris, J Smith, Cllr M Buckler	
18/7/3	<b>Variation to the Order of Business:</b> None	
18/7/4	<b>Declaration of Interests:</b> Cllr Grover reported that he had a non-pecuniary interest in the issue of quarrying as a resident as well as a Councillor	
18/7/5	<b>Public Speaking</b>  K Potter reiterated her concern at the lack of affordable housing in the Peak Park area and noted that recently produced figures show the numbers of affordable houses created over the past decade are abysmal. She will report back in September following the up-coming Planning Meeting.  Cllr Murphy reported that it is hoped the response from slinter quarry regarding ecological matters will be received in September.  It was noted The Dale has now been strimmed which was welcomed. Cllr Murphy suggested asking a representative from DDDC to come to Bonsall to look at the issue of overgrown verges, overhanging vegetation and road sweeping and explain what Bonsall can expect from DDDC. This was welcomed.  He reported that plans for Via Gellia improvements continue and there should be a presentation in Bonsall in September. Some residents on the Via Gellia whose properties are affected, have questioned DCC's plans for removal of trees as unnecessary and excessive. There is also a plan to install average speed cameras.  Leigh Johnson repeated his concerns about a large bush growing at the top of the wall at the bottom of Church Street. He reported he has re-felted the electricity box at the Park. He was also concerned about gulleys becoming clogged with debris particularly after heavy rain and asked how this material should be disposed of. Cllr Murphy will add this to subjects to be discussed with the DDDC representative.  A member of the public gave positive feedback to the Parish Council. Several visitors had praised the management of the churchyard and complimented the way it combined wildness with managed areas. She also praised the Village Hall in which she had held a party.  Another member of the public suggested Bonsall Parish Council could approach Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to help with producing an overall management plan for public spaces and verges in order to protect wildlife and biodiversity while ensuring safety for pedestrians and traffic. It was agreed to obtain a quotation and the Clerk should contact Matt Buckler in the first instance.	Clerk
18/7/6	<b>Minutes of the last meeting:</b> The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2023.	
18/7/7	<b>Chair's Announcements:</b> The Chair reported that he had attended a meeting with the new owners of Ball Eye quarry. They have a comprehensive plan to remove or deal with trees around the edge of the quarry affected by ash dieback. Cllr Grover has a hard copy of the plans if anyone wishes to view them.  He further thanked Cllr Murphy for securing a grant of £900 towards a new defibrillator.	

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18/7/8	<p><b>Village Matters</b></p> <p>a) <b>Churchyard:</b> it was noted that ivy has been removed from the two large memorials near the church door. Clerk will contact DDDC concerning the large bush which is overhanging the road. It was agreed that the Council is very happy with the state of the churchyard which has been greatly praised all round.</p> <p>b) <b>Quarrying update:</b> see above under Chair's Announcements. The Chair also noted that there have been several noise complaints lately connected with the quarry which have been referred to DCC.</p> <p>c) <b>The Park:</b> The Clerk again reported instances of dog mess found in the Park. There has also been more litter which will interfere with mowing.</p> <p>d) <b>Road sweeping and overhanging growth:</b> see above. There were also complaints about the road up to Slaley needing to be cut back. Cllr Barry suggested creating a policy of how matters like this in Bonsall should be managed. It was decided that councillors will all explore and produce suggestions for a document.</p> <p>e) <b>Light at the Cross:</b> the on-going cost of this was discussed, particularly as it has not been working. Leigh Johnson kindly offered to replace the bulb. Cllr Barry offered to look at the possibility of installing a solar panel.</p> <p>f) <b>Personnel policy:</b> the policy amended by Cllr Grover was approved.</p> <p>g) <b>Bankside:</b> Cllr Barry will look into installing a bench halfway up Bankside. It was agreed this is an excellent idea.</p> <p>h) <b>Website:</b> It was agreed to replace our existing website provider with a "Parish Online" website at a cost of £360 p.a. which includes writing and support. The current provider is charging £300 p.a. and it still requires other support. Cllr Tobin to advise.</p> <p>i) <b>Project schedule:</b> Cllr Smith confirmed there is no update to report.</p> <p>j) <b>Village Sign:</b> Cllr Barry confirmed there is no update. To be carried forward.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>All Cllrs</p> <p>JB</p> <p>JB</p> <p>AT</p> <p>JB/RG</p>
18/07/9	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Monthly Payments received:</b> £332.42(car park) £30 (memorial) £0.13 (bank credit).</p> <p>b) <b>Internal audit:</b> Cllr Smith reported this had been done.</p>	

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	<b>Online</b>	M Biggin	£196.03	Salary/expenses
	<b>Online</b>	J Milverton	£672.32	Salary/expenses
	<b>Online</b>	P Spencer	£210.17	Salary/expense
	<b>Online</b>	HMRC	£415.12	PAYE month 4
	<b>Online</b>	R Allsopp	£130	WC cleaning
	<b>Online</b>	L Hands	£7.98	Planters
	<b>Online</b>	A Walker	£171.30	Strimming
	<b>DD</b>	Eon Park	£31.50	Electricity at Park
	<b>Online</b>	Roy Johnson Landscape Services	£218.40	Park mowing
	<b>DD</b>	npower	£49.35	Electricity at Cross
	<b>DD</b>	Virgin/o2 Mobile	£13.10	Phone charges
	<b>DD</b>	Virgin money	£13.55	Bank charges
18/04/10	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>Planning Application 22/00769/FUL:</b> Conversion and change of use of barn to 1no. dwelling house and erection of outbuilding comprising of stables and carport at 1 High Street. Already considered by the Planning Committee. Original objections remained. This has been permitted by the DDDC Planning Committee</p> <p><b>Memorial application:</b> to approve additional inscription for the late Edythe Atkinson. Approved.</p> <p><b>Disposal of land adjacent to 48 High Street:</b> Chair noted that notification had arrived too late to be included in the agenda. He noted however that BPC had made a request to DDDC that the land would be considered for social housing.</p>			
18/07/10	<p><b>Next meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm;</b></p>			

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