

Bonsall Parish Council

Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19th December 2023 at 7.30pm at Bonsall Village Hall

Chair of the Council: Cllr Mark Harris

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Minute No	Item	Action
19/12/1	Present: Cllrs Harris (Chair), Grover, Barry, S Smith, J Smith, J Milverton (Clerk/RFO), District Councillor M Buckler (DDDC).	
19/12/2	Apologies for Absence: A Tobin, L Cauldwell	
19/12/3	Variation to the Order of Business: None	
19/12/4	Declaration of Interests: None	
19/12/5	Public Speaking Cllr Buckler said he had nothing specific to report but wished to listen to the rest of the meeting.	
19/12/6	Minutes of the last meeting: The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 21 st November 2023.	
19/12/7	Chair's Announcements: None	
19/12/8	Village Matters a) Policy update: Various policies have been reviewed and approved (Vehicle Park, Grants, Expenses, Staff appraisal, Recruitment, Health & Safety, Disciplinary & Grievance, Dignity at work, Environmental). BPC also adopted a policy 'roadsides, verges, wall and Monuments. Clerk to update website b) Condition of roads: There was a long discussion about the terrible state of the roads. (1) BPC had requested that representatives of DCC should visit Bonsall and Cllr Grover gave feedback as follows: 1. All Bonsall roads were driven around and Yeoman Street was walked 2. Main Pot hole and road issues were noted in <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Uppertown• Yeoman St• High St• Top of Clatterway / Fountain 3. DCC said that they have 25 pothole crews in the county, there were originally 12 the other 13 have been funded by Govt pothole money. The DCC pot hole budget was fully committed at the beginning of the year. Tarmac prices had apparently increase by 30% in 2023 along with all other labour cost increases. No spare funds for anything other than pot holes filling by the crews. 4. Currently there are about 3,000 open pot hole reports on the system at any one time though some of these could be duplicates 5. Phil Hardy of DCC agreed that patching would be more effective than pot hole repairs but budget restraints and DCC dictate that the only option is filling holes 6. Bonsall is apparently not the worst village, there are many others in a worse condition.	Clerk

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	<p>7. Bonsall's road network is very low priority due to its classification. The lack of pavements has no bearing.</p> <p>8. DCC said Resurfacing is not an option for Bonsall. Very little is done in the county and there has to be a case and a funding application for any resurfacing</p> <p>9. DCC said that the trigger depth for a pothole repair is 40mm and that all potholes need to be reported on line</p> <p>10. Damage to tarmac caused by flooding is not treated any differently to pot holes and it was evident that there was no interaction or joined up thinking with DCC flooding and pot hole teams.</p> <p>11. DCC advised that Intervention repairs by utilities are only warranted by utilities for 12-24 months, after that the repairs are DCC responsibility. A large number of road failures had been caused by failing utility interventions.</p> <p>12. DCC's Highways Infrastructure Asset Management Policy is the key document to be referred to. link - https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/highways-infrastructure-asset-management/highways-infrastructure-asset-management.aspx</p> <p>13. DCC Highways advised that contacting Steve Bull the Chairman of Improvement and Scrutiny Committee may help our position. https://democracy.derbyshire.gov.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=128</p> <p>Cllr S Smith volunteered to collate a list of all the potholes in the village and make sure they are reported on the DCC website. He will ask residents to report potholes to him via the village Matters Facebook page. (2) Cllr Grover reported back following the Via Gellia meeting. His complete notes on this meeting can be found on the BPC website under 'Latest Council Papers'. Generally, he reported the total lack of consultation with Bonsall residents (although tenants at Dunsley Mill had been consulted). There was criticism of the new island which has been created at the bottom of Clatterway. Cllr J Smith described the confusion surrounding signage for the roadworks. Bonsall had not been notified about the road closure and furthermore lorries had ended up coming into Bonsall which caused dreadful confusion as they had to reverse out again. Clerk to prepare letter to be sent to DCC Highways Dept to ensure this does not happen again. Cllr J Smith to forward her notes to Clerk. The letter will also ask for a copy of the consultation responses for the Via Gellia road safety improvements following the public Consultation in Cromford at the beginning of March this year.</p> <p>c) Grant to Mutterings: A grant of £250 was approved.</p> <p>d) Portrait of the King: Following S Dines letter, it was agreed to apply for a portrait of the King for display in the Village Hall.</p> <p>e) The Cross: The Clerk reported that she had been unable to secure a further quote. It was suggested to try the company currently working at the Church. Cllr Buckler recommended contacting Winster PC as they have recently had similar work done. It was agreed to look for grants form heritage bodies to finance the necessary work.</p> <p>f) Lime trees and Churchyard: The Clerk reported that she is still looking for a tree surgeon to produce a report to help secure planning permission to reduce the height of the trees. Cllr Barry suggested a possibility and will follow-up. Clerk also reported complaints that dog waste is being left in the churchyard. Clerk and Cllr Barry to produce signs reminding people that dogs must be kept on leads and all dog waste must be removed.</p> <p>g) Website: Carried forward to Jan</p>	<p>SS</p> <p>JS/Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/JB</p>
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17/10/9	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Monthly Payments received: £182.34 (car park) £31.22 (WC's)£0.07 (Bank credit) £230 (defib donation)</p> <p>b) Internal audit: Cllr S Smith reported this had been done.</p> <p>c) Draft Budget and Precept: (1) preliminary discussion around budget for 2024-25 (2) Discussions around setting the precept. Due to a significant potential shortfall, possible increase of precept to be discussed/agreed in January. Clerk to forward budget to Councillors prior to January meeting. Chair gave the opinion there should be no increase above 5% for inflation and this was agreed.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>M Biggin</td> <td>£160.58</td> <td>Salary arrears</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>J Milverton</td> <td>£1010.52</td> <td>Salary/salary arrears</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>P Spencer</td> <td>£67.02</td> <td>Salary arrears</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£472.99</td> <td>PAYE month 8</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>R Allsopp</td> <td>£100</td> <td>WC cleaning</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Defib4life</td> <td>£1,596</td> <td>Defibrillator</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Mark Sobey</td> <td>£50</td> <td>Christmas Tree</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Royal British Legion</td> <td>£120</td> <td>Poppies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>E-on</td> <td>£31.50</td> <td>Electricity Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Card</td> <td>Floodsax</td> <td>£401.99</td> <td>Floodsacks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>Niamh's Photographic Lens</td> <td>£25</td> <td>Website hosting fee</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>Virgin/o2 Mobile</td> <td>£13.10</td> <td>Phone charges</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>Virgin money</td> <td>£11.88</td> <td>Bank charges</td> </tr> </table>	Online	M Biggin	£160.58	Salary arrears	Online	J Milverton	£1010.52	Salary/salary arrears	Online	P Spencer	£67.02	Salary arrears	Online	HMRC	£472.99	PAYE month 8	Online	R Allsopp	£100	WC cleaning	Online	Defib4life	£1,596	Defibrillator	Online	Mark Sobey	£50	Christmas Tree	Online	Royal British Legion	£120	Poppies	DD	E-on	£31.50	Electricity Park	Card	Floodsax	£401.99	Floodsacks	DD	Niamh's Photographic Lens	£25	Website hosting fee	DD	Virgin/o2 Mobile	£13.10	Phone charges	DD	Virgin money	£11.88	Bank charges	Clerk
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18/10/10	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Tree Works Application T/23/00220/TPO Fell 1x Silver birch at St James Church. After viewing the plans and discussion it was agreed to make no objection to this application</p>																																																					
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