

Bonsall Parish Council
Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th December 2019 at 7.30pm at
Bonsall Village Hall.

Chair of the Council: Cllr Mark Harris

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Minute No	Item	Action
17/12/1	Present Cllrs Addis Barry Grover Harris and Pountain, District Cllr Purdy, County Cllr Irene Ratcliffe and Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO). Four members of the public.	
17/12/2	Apologies for Absence: Cllr J. Smith and S. Smith, Kath Potter Peak Park Parish Forum, and District Cllr Pawley.	
17/12/3	Variation to the Order of Business: None	
17/12/4	Declaration of Interests: Cllr Harris declared an interest in the planning item reference NP/DDD/0118/0049 on the grounds of his friendship with the owners of the property and did not participate in the decision.	
17/12/5	Public Speaking: District Council Refuse Collection Contract: Cllr Purdy explained that the Waste contract tender decision would be taken by the District Council on 18 th December; two companies were competing and the officer recommendation was for the current company SERCO to be awarded the contract from May 2020. Because of changes in the waste collection market the contract price was more than £1 million above the anticipated cost. The green bin garden waste service would be an opt-in service at first year cost of £35 then £50 per year. Questions were asked as to whether that would encourage garden fires or fly tipping; Cllr Purdy said that was not the experience of other authorities who operated this system. There were also questions about collection frequency and whether a second bin could be collected, and Cllr Purdy said that he would seek information on that. Via Gellia trees: Cllr Ratcliffe explained that a County Council tree officer was looking at the problem of ash dieback on the Via Gellia and the risks this posed to traffic due to overhanging trees. Cllr Barry and Grover expressed their concern on the issue. Cllr Ratcliffe said that the scale of the problem meant that the County Council could not deal with it alone and it was necessary to involve landowners. Local haulage companies had also raised the issue. A meeting between a Council officer and Cllr Barry that had been setup had not taken place, and Cllr Ratcliffe said that she would seek to find out why. She said that she would ask the Council to send an officer to the next Council meeting to explain what was planned (or if that was not possible, to send a report).	
17/12/6	Minutes of the last meeting: The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 19 th November 2019.	Clerk
17/12/7	Chair's Announcements: None	
17/12/8	VILLAGE MATTERS a) Slinter Top Quarry update: Cllr Grover reported that he understood that the planning application would not be submitted this year so the 23 rd December deadline for submission of additional environmental information would not be met. Cllr Ratcliffe said that she would try to find out more information on the implications of that, Cllr Grover had received three complaints of excessive noise which appeared to be related to work higher in the quarry. Dene quarry was also doing restoration work and noise limits on that had been applied to benefit Cromford and Middleton, but not Bonsall. Noted. b) Park transfer: the Clerk reported that our legal adviser was pressing for completion of this but awaiting input from the District Council. Noted. c) Park: (a) Risk Assessment: this item was deferred in the absence of Cllr J. Smith.	Clerk Cllr J Smith

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	<p>(b) Vehicle park: the minutes of the Working Group meeting which had been previously circulated were discussed. It was agreed to adopt the recommendations of the group as follows (noting that not all recommendations had been unanimously supported by members of the working group):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Long term lorry/trailer parking: if operator licences were varied by the Traffic Commissioners and any conditions set by Council's insurers met, then permits for this use could be given at a cost to be determined; to be discussed with vehicle owner(s);- Charging for lorries: the views of a member of the public that use should be free were considered. General view was that the situation had changed due to the tighter regulation of the haulage industry, and also because the village through the Parish Council was now being required to pay rent (£800.pa) and to maintain the land and the wider park area;- No charges were intended to apply for casual use of vehicle park for loading/unloading for farm deliveries etc;- Storage for carnival and well-dressing equipment: a plan showing potential site for a 40ft screened container unit was discussed. Agreed that a 30 foot unit should be sufficient. Concern that this may need planning permission and that would have to be checked. Alternative locations put forward; agreed to raise as part of discussions with vehicle owners;- Parking of cars/vehicles camper vans/caravans and coaches: agreed that it would not be possible or desirable to designate any separate area for this use. To be limited to no more than 25% of the park area.- Suggested Charges: casual visitors £1 per day; coaches £5; camper vans/caravans maximum 2/3; permit £400 per year.- Honesty box: design for a box incorporated into a rock/stone feature as at the National Stone Centre; face could be carved with T'Owd Man design. <p>- Improvement works: Priority was agreed to be the resurfacing of the vehicle park; material needed to be permeable to allow drainage due to flood risk; (preferred material was clean -stone with a degree of dust to bind). Border: to be edged with limestone blocks; Other main priority was repair of the wall to the road. Works to be discussed at first instance with Pete Spencer and Jon Rickards at Valley Landscapes for advice.</p> <p>Signage: examples of local signs tabled; need for signage reaffirmed and in particular it was agreed that a sign saying "vehicles parked at own risk" should be installed.</p> <p>d) WC transfer: noted the Tenancy documentation has now been signed by the Parish Council and that final transfer and grant payment is awaited.</p> <p>e) Community noticeboard: it was noted that the board was now being more regularly used, and that was welcomed. The possibility of putting screening on it was discussed, but it was agreed that this would be too costly. Agreed to add a 'Community Noticeboard' sign.</p> <p>f) White Low Mine / Blakemere Pit: the Clerk reported that he had requested an update on this from the Peak National Park on 10th December, (and Kath Potter of the Peak Park Parish Forum had sought an update that morning), but to date no information had been received. It was agreed that the Clerk should continue to seek information and to report back.</p> <p>g) Peak District National Park Authority (PDFNPA) Parish Statement: Peter Greaves had undertaken work (together with Peter Fellows) on the draft document, and spoke on this item. The key points were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The statistics in the report on housing and population were wrong as they were based on a designated census area which did not match the PDNPA area in Bonsall Parish;- the report had been amended as far as possible given the constraints of the data,	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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	<p>but a decision was awaited from the PDNPA as to whether the Statement should address the Parish as a whole, or just PDNPA area;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the draft that had been prepared included Bonsall Community Aspirations that had been taken from the Village Design Statement, and consideration needed to be given as to whether those still reflected the views of the community. <p>It was agreed to thank Peter Greaves and Peter Fellows for their work on this, and to defer final submission of comments to see if a response was received from the PDNPA, and to give further consideration to the community aspirations to be included.</p> <p>h) Remembrance Day poppies: the arrangements for this year were discussed and thanks were recorded to Cllr Jon Barry and Pete Spencer for the display. Cllr Barry proposed that a metalwork soldier could be made in the village for next year, and it was agreed that further details and costs of that should be brought to a future meeting.</p> <p>i) Armed Forces Covenant: after discussion it was agreed to adopt the Armed Forces Covenant, which recognises the contribution of those who have performed military duty, and the obligation on society and the community to ensure that they did not face disadvantage.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Barry</p> <p>Clerk</p>																												
17/12/9	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Payments received: £1200 Bonsall Parochial Church Council for removal of trees at churchyard; received with thanks.</p> <p>b) The monthly Statement/ Annual Accounts: the statement for period 8 detailing income and expenditure to 28 November 2019 were approved.</p> <p>c) Accounts for payment: payments as below were approved.</p> <p>d) Transfer of bank account: further to minute 19/11/9(d) it was noted that the funds which had been withheld due to a mistake by the RBS bank during the account switching process had finally been transferred in full on 20/11/19;</p> <p>e) VAT: noted that the VAT return was being completed up to 31 December 2019.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="244 1205 1323 1429"> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>A Payne</td> <td>£363.80</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>P Spencer</td> <td>£135.04</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>M Biggin</td> <td>£89.22</td> <td>Salary/expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>R Allsopp</td> <td>£95.00</td> <td>WC cleaning</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Marion Heasman</td> <td>£50.00</td> <td>Christmas trees</td> </tr> <tr> <td>004</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£552.24</td> <td>PAYE Q3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>E.ON (Park)</td> <td>£8.17</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> </table>	Online	A Payne	£363.80	Salary/expenses	Online	P Spencer	£135.04	Salary/expenses	Online	M Biggin	£89.22	Salary/expenses	Online	R Allsopp	£95.00	WC cleaning	Online	Marion Heasman	£50.00	Christmas trees	004	HMRC	£552.24	PAYE Q3	DD	E.ON (Park)	£8.17	Electricity	<p>Clerk</p>
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17/12/10 17/12/11	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NP/DDD/0118/0049: Bell House Uppertown: the clerk outlined a complaint that had been received from a member of the public in relation to demolition of a wall and removal of a tree in the conservation area without planning permission. The complainant's concern was as to the effect on the conservation area, and loss of on-street parking and consequent increased parking congestion and difficulties for bus turning. That complaint had also been made to the County Council Highways department and to the Peak District National Park Authority. The clerk had written to the PDNPA, who had confirmed that the removal of the wall and tree had been done without planning permission, and that the owners had been requested to reinstate the wall or to make a planning application to either remove the wall or replace it with something different. The PDNPA had expressed the view that permission would probably have been given for removal of the tree had it been sought, and no further action would be taken on that. <p>After discussion it was agreed to write to the PDNPA expressing support for the action that they had taken, and asking for details of the deadline for responding to the PDNPA request.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>																												

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 19/00673/FUL: 17 Church Street: the Clerk reported that further to 15/10/19/5 of the meeting of 15th October 2109, the District Council had said that they had asked the applicant in this case to submit a revised planning application to take account of the fact that part of the original application site was on highways land, and that the Parish Council would be consulted on its receipt. The action of the District Council was noted and welcomed.	
17/12/12	Items for Information: DALC Circulars: Circular 14/19	
17/12/13	Date of next meeting: Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30pm.	Clerk

Signed