

Bonsall Parish Council

**Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7.30pm at
Bonsall Village Hall.**

Chair of the Council: Cllr Mark Harris

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Minute No	Item	Action
21/01/1	Present Cllrs Addis Barry Grover J. Smith and S. Smith, District Cllrs Pawley and Purdy, County Cllr Irene Ratcliffe, Kath Potter Peak Park Parish Forum, and Mr T Payne (Clerk/RFO). Three members of the public.	
21/01/2	Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Harris and Pountain, District Cllr Purdy.	
21/01/3	Variation to the Order of Business: None	
21/01/4	Declaration of Interests: None	
21/01/5	Public Speaking: Planning application 17 Church Street: three residents spoke in relation to this item. Concern was expressed that the submitted documentation appeared to show that the County Council accepted the principle that parking spaces required as part of new development could be provided by allocating space on the public highway for that purpose; that was said to be wrong in principle and would be impossible to enforce, and that there were similar problems in enforcing use and availability of allocated garage parking. A resident made the point that the village had not developed with car use in mind, which reinforced the need for highway policy that would restrict further development without off-road parking provision, and that this went against that. They were of the view that the facts had not changed since the previous planning application and that this would set an unfortunate precedent. A resident also expressed the view that holiday lets did not sustain community assets and were detrimental to the village. A resident also questioned why the Highway department observations on the issue appeared to have changed since the previous application, so as to apparently allow the highway to be allocated for private use with priority for that purpose (see further item 21/01/10 below). Blakemere Pit: Kath Potter (Peak Park Parish Forum) expressed concern at the delay in dealing with the issue of the siting of a bus on the quarry site by the Peak Park Authority. Complaints could be directed to the CEO of the Authority. She also expressed concern about how holiday cottage lets elsewhere in the Peak District had been allowed to develop and that the Parish Council should bear this in mind on future applications. Slinter Top Quarry: County Cllr Ratcliffe reported that it was now expected to be some months before the amended application was submitted for consultation. Via Gellia trees: Cllr Ratcliffe had submitted a Council question on this to seek reassurance for residents of Bonsall Cromford and Middleton that the risks relating to ash dieback were being properly assessed and dealt with. The cost of dealing with dieback in the County was said to be at least £1m; Cllr Ratcliffe was meeting Cllr Spencer (Cabinet member for Highways) on 31 st January and would report back on that (see further item 20/01/8(e)). Lea Road Closure: Cllr Ratcliffe said that the closure (caused by major landslip) was being given high priority but it was still likely to be some time before it could be repaired. District Council Refuse Collection Contract: District Cllr Pawley said that the contract was being reissued to the existing provider Serco. There were now only eight companies tendering for this work in the UK. The service would be improved by provision of some electric/diesel vehicles, and some smaller vehicles for narrower roads. The garden waste service would be chargeable from April 2021 if requested; (£50 per bin per year with a first year offer of £35). Faulty street light at the Park Bus Shelter: Cllr Barry questioned the repair time for this which had been reported by the Parish Council and others. It was apparently due for replacement but needed a new power supply, and this was the responsibility of Western	

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	Power. Cllr Ratcliffe offered to chase progress on this.	
21/01/6	Minutes of the last meeting: The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 17 th December 2019.	Clerk
21/01/7	Chair's Announcements: The Vice Chair reported a letter of thanks from residents at Puddle Hill for support of the Parish Council in obtaining resurfacing work.	
21/01/8	<p>VILLAGE MATTERS</p> <p>a) Slinter Top Quarry update: it was noted that revised planning application consultation was likely to be deferred for several months; Cllr Grover reported continuing noise issues, but that these were said to be within legal limits; noted.</p> <p>b) Park transfer: the Clerk said that there had been no further progress on this and he had expressed concern to the District Council about the delay in the legal process and the importance of transferring the land by the end of the financial year. Noted.</p> <p>c) Park: (a) Risk Assessment: the Clerk and Cllr J. Smith reported that this was being rewritten to match the format used by the District Council who currently managed the land; a draft outlining the issues would be circulated to Councillors when ready. The DDDC sign had now been relocated following Cllr Smith's intervention; noted with thanks. (b) Vehicle park: there was nothing further to report on this; noted that the next meeting of the group was 4th February; (c) fallen tree against school fence: the Clerk had been notified of this by the school. A quote for removal was being obtained from Valley Landscapes as a contingency, although the District Council as current landowners would be asked to deal with this.</p> <p>d) Consecration: further to minute 20/08/5(d)(2) of 20th August 2019, the Clerk reported on a site meeting 14th January with a representative of the Diocese, and the burial plan showing a revised area for consecration (previously circulated) was displayed. After discussion it was resolved to seek consecration of the unconsecrated ground comprising 18 burial plots within the Bonsall Burial Ground as shown on the burial plan (plots 84, 95-111; leaving 112 and 113 and potential future plot B unconsecrated), and to authorise the Chair Councillor Mark Harris and the Vice-Chair Councillor Philip Addis to sign the petition to the Diocese for that purpose.</p> <p>e) Via Gellia Trees: further to Cllr Ratcliffe's comments it was agreed to defer this pending the outcome of the County Council meeting on 31st January, and also to ask for an update on the Via Gellia improvement works.</p> <p>f) Traffic speed: the Clerk reported on the meeting of the traffic working group 6th January. Agreed to accept the report and recommendations of the group as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accident data: there was no data on near misses and similar incidents to help justify a formal 20mph limit, information on that would be useful if it could be compiled; • Repainting slow signs: all now done except the entrance to village; the County Council had now confirmed that a 30mph sign would be installed on Abel lane; • Twenty's Plenty: to rotate signage and locations during the next year; • Speed monitoring sign: to seek provision of an electronic speed monitoring sign at the park bus shelter where there was the highest risk to children; either through County support or purchase; noted this would need careful design in the conservation area; • Statutory 20 mph scheme: reducing fatalities/casualties was the key County Council criteria so this was unlikely to be met for Bonsall. The shortcomings of County Council approach on this and signage generally discussed; agreed that approach jointly with other similar villages more likely to be successful, particularly if coupled with lobbying MP. In short term not to be pursued and agreed this was a longer term objective; 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/Cllr J Smith</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Ratcliffe</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved publicity: support of Mutterings on initiatives to date was welcomed. Agreed to see if profile could be raised by a monthly article highlighting speed issues in various parts of village; a theme could be Twenty's Plenty in 2020; • Signage at park: to look to site further Twenty's Plenty or similar signage at the park (with help from school if needed) to highlight children's safety; • Poster: to prepare a poster that could be put in pubs/cafe / B& B's/noticeboard etc encouraging reduced speeding; • Traffic Priority scheme at top of Clatterway: to ask the County Council for traffic calming / priority traffic scheme as this was a potential accident point due to speed; • 'No footways in village' sign: to ask County Council if this could be considered for Yeoman Street/High Street; • Joint working with other villages: Brassington had reported similar experience to Bonsall in that no substantive action would be taken by the County Council given their casualty data. Agreed to keep them updated on action, and to seek to identify other villages within the Derbyshire Dale's constituency which were addressing traffic speed. <p>g) White Low Mine / Blakemere Pit: the Clerk reported that the Peak Park Authority were seeking to meet with the Blakemere pit owner to discuss planning issues and the outcome would be advised. In relation to White Low Mine, the Peak Park said that enforcement action was still in preparation and anyone affected by activity on site was asked to contact them. Noted.</p> <p>h) Parish Statement: further to minute 17/12/8(g) of the previous meeting it was agreed to approve the draft Statement (including the community aspirations section) for submission to the Peak Park Authority as drafted, together with the comments on the document previously minuted.</p> <p>i) Local Project Fund: it was agreed to seek project funding for the honesty box for the vehicle park.</p> <p>j) Park Christmas tree lights: noted that the park lights would be available for next year and that the Clerk would arrange for them to be added to the Asset Register.</p> <p>k) Publication Scheme: the Chair reported that the Policy group had met prior to the meeting and were recommending adoption of the draft scheme which had been circulated (subject to two minor amendments). Adoption was agreed with immediate effect, to be reviewed in two years.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																
21/01/9	<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 9 detailing income and expenditure to 31 December 2019 was approved.</p> <p>c) Accounts for payment: payments as below were approved.</p> <p>d) Budget/ Precept: after discussion it was agreed to approve the budget V1 for 2020-21 (as previously circulated), and set the precept for 2020-21 at the unchanged level of £18,500.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="244 1753 1321 1883"> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>A Payne</td> <td>£582.18</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>DD</td> <td>E.ON (Cross)</td> <td>£42.77</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>E.ON (Park)</td> <td>£7.91</td> <td>Electricity</td> </tr> </table>	Online	A Payne	£582.18	Salary/expenses	Online	R Allsopp	£95.00	WC cleaning	DD	E.ON (Cross)	£42.77	Electricity	DD	E.ON (Park)	£7.91	Electricity	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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