

Bonsall Parish Council

**Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16th January 2024 at 7.30pm at
Bonsall Village Hall**

Chair of the Council: Cllr Mark Harris

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Minute No	Item	Action
16/01/1	Present: Cllrs Harris (Chair), Grover, Barry, Cauldwell and 4 members of the public	
16/01/2	Apologies for Absence: J & S Smith, J Milverton, M Buckler, K Potter.	
16/01/3	Variation to the Order of Business: None	
16/01/4	Declaration of Interests: None	
16/01/5	<p>Public Speaking</p> <p>Two members of the public presented a summary of the Bonsall Energy Group (BEG) community energy feasibility study.</p> <p>BEG was formed in 2022 with a view of seeing what interest there might be in looking at potential renewable energy projects. Council for the Protection of the Rural Environment in conjunction with BEG produced a report in late 2022 setting out a vision for Bonsall. There were a number of potential options identified for renewable energy projects including wind turbine sites. BEG wishes to take the next step of undertaking a feasibility study to look in more details at these potential options and identify which, if any would most benefit the community. And be economically viable.</p> <p>In order to apply for funding, BEG has registered with the Financial Conduct Authority as a Community Benefit Society and is about to apply for a Stage 1 grant from the Midlands Net Zero Hub Community Energy Fund for a CE Feasibility Study. BEG will prioritise scheme options with the focus being on wind and solar energy along with hydro, heat pumps and retrofit solar PV and electric vehicle charging points.</p> <p>Community engagement via Mutterings is on-going and public meetings sessions are planned in the coming year.</p> <p>A member of the public asked what had been progressed with the potholes. The Cllrs summarised the items covered in the December meeting.</p>	
16/01/6	Minutes of the last meeting: The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 19 th December 2023.	
16/01/7	Chair's Announcements: Chair announced that Cllr Tobin had decided to resign she was thanked her for her work.	
16/01/8	<p>Village Matters</p> <p>a) Policy update: Cllr Grover to will review the Planning Policy and Cllr Harris will review Data Protection Policy. The Policies covering Dignity at Work, Disciplinary and Grievance, Recruitment and Selection will be reviewed by both.</p> <p>b) Condition of roads: It was noted that while some repairs have taken place, after recent heavy rain the condition is now even worse. It was highlighted that the more people report potholes via the DCC website, the more focus we may get on the issue. Cllr Grover pointed out that the number of relatively small holes that were appearing, being filled and continually failing were now linking up into areas which only demanded large patch repairs or resurfacing. Economic long term patch repairs go against DCC policy which they claim to be dictated by Government funding. Cllr Grover will write to our MP including photos a clearly this needs intervention at a</p>	<p>MH/RG</p> <p>RG</p> <p>JB</p>

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	<p>higher level. It was also suggested that DCC could be asked to paint around the worst holes to warn drivers.</p> <p>c) Lime Trees in Churchyard: There was further discussion regarding next steps. Cllr Barry will meet with tree specialist in early February to seek a perspective on 1) clearing dead branches, 2) reducing height (pollarding) and 3) removing epicormic growth. A final position will be decided in February.</p> <p>d) Website: No further update. Clerk will seek clarification from A Tobin as to the state of play.</p>	<p align="center">JB Clerk</p>																																				
<p>16/01/9</p>	<p>Finance:</p> <p>a) Monthly Payments received: nil</p> <p>b) Internal audit: Cllr S Smith reported this had been done.</p> <p>c) Precept: It was agreed to limit the precept to a 5% increase.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="277 786 1358 1193"> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>M Biggin</td> <td>£166.89</td> <td>Salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>J Milverton</td> <td>£713.92</td> <td>Salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>P Spencer</td> <td>£273.77</td> <td>Salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£401.74</td> <td>PAYE month 10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>R Allsopp</td> <td>£100</td> <td>WC cleaning</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>E-on</td> <td>£32.55</td> <td>Electricity Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Card</td> <td>n-power</td> <td>£99.44</td> <td>Electricity Cross</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>£9.80</td> <td>Bank charges</td> </tr> </table>	Online	M Biggin	£166.89	Salary	Online	J Milverton	£713.92	Salary	Online	P Spencer	£273.77	Salary	Online	HMRC	£401.74	PAYE month 10	Online	R Allsopp	£100	WC cleaning	DD	E-on	£32.55	Electricity Park	Card	n-power	£99.44	Electricity Cross	DD	Virgin/o2 Mobile	£13.10	Phone charges	DD	Virgin money	£9.80	Bank charges	
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<p>16/01/10</p>	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Tree Works Application T2300247TCA Sycamore T1, T2 - Fell Holly T3 - Pollard to 5m Study Lodge Clatterway. This application has already been processed and approved.</p> <p>3/01237/FUL Erection of 2no. agricultural barns for housing livestock and storage of forage, straw and other agricultural goods. Puddle Hill Farm. After viewing the plans and discussion it was agreed to make no objection to this application</p>																																					
	<p>Next meeting Tuesday 20th February at 7.30pm;</p>																																					

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