

Bonsall Parish Council

**Minutes of the Bonsall Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17th September 2024 at 7.30pm at
Bonsall Village Hall**

Chair of the Council: Cllr Mark Harris

Clerk: Julia Milverton 69 Yeoman Street Bonsall DE4 2AA; telephone: 07306 311451; email: bonsallclerk@gmail.com

Minute No	Item	Action
17/09/1	Present: Cllrs Harris (Chair), Grover, S&J Smith, Barry, Cartwright, J Milverton (Clerk/RFO) 3 members of the public	
17/09/2	Apologies for Absence: District Councillor M Buckler (DDDC), K Potter (Peak Park Forum), County Cllr Murphy, L Cauldwell	
17/09/3	Variation to the Order of Business: None	
17/09/4	Declaration of Interests: None.	
17/09/5	Public Speaking: There was a discussion about the proposed sign by the war memorial requesting that people should not park in front of it. One resident questioned the lack of consultation with people living nearby. He also pointed out that residents who have parked there are happy to move their cars when required – indeed always do for Remembrance Sunday, carnival etc and putting up such a sign would not take account of the impact on parking. The fact the other villages may have such signs is irrelevant to the situation on Bonsall. Furthermore, he did not envisage compliance with such a request on a sign. The Chair and Cllr J Smith mentioned complaints which had been received and mentioned the difficulty for visitors who wanted to photograph the war memorial and also for the school. Another resident agreed he would move his vehicle whenever it was requested and offered to leave his phone number on the windscreen. He mentioned people have parked there happily for the last 30 years and questioned whether the wishes of visitors should be prioritised over that of residents. Cllr Barry reminded the meeting that the PC has no powers to enforce parking restrictions and this was intended as a request only. Cllr Cartwright reminded the meeting that anyone is allowed to park on the public road. The Chair said the matter was on the agenda and a decision would be made later in the meeting. A member of the public raised the matter of grit accumulated at the bottom of Church Street. Clerk to write to DCC. Cllr Grover reported that a resident wishes to put a memorial bench in the Park and the suggestion was welcomed.	 Clerk RG
17/09/6	Minutes of the last meeting: The Chair signed the minutes of the meeting held on 16 th July 2024. Matters outstanding from last meeting not covered by this month's agenda. 1. Planter at the Cross. Cllr Barry to progress. 2. Signage. Clerk purchased two No Parking signs to be put in front of the defibrillators in Upper Town and The Dale. Cllr JB to install. Cllrs voted to progress with the sign by the war memorial. (1 councillor voted against.) Cllrs J Smith and R Grover to progress. Clerk to inform 2 members of the public of the decision. 3. Clerk reported that she is still waiting to hear from DDDC about reimbursement for commissioning a tenancy agreement for the WC's. 4. Website monitoring. Clerk reported she is still working with parish-online to establish this.	 JB Clerk JS/RG Clerk

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17/09/7	Chair's Announcements: None	
17/09/8	<p>Village Matters</p> <p>a) Repair of Cross: Three quotes for a structural survey have been received. The cheapest was provided by GCA although it was unclear what the costs actually covered. Clerk to contact GCA to seek clarification and discuss with Cllr Grover. Cllr Grover summarised potential sources of funding once the extent of work is known. Cllrs J & S Smith wondered whether mortar repair might be possible as they had been advised by a local building this might be the case. The survey should confirm.</p> <p>b) Light at the Cross: The Clerk reported that following the suggestion from Cllr Barry she has discovered the DDDC pays for the similar lights in Wirksworth and Cromford and she has contacted them to ask for similar service for Bonsall. Cllr Barry reported that the bulb has been changed to reduce the electricity used. Clerk to inform National Grid.</p> <p>c) DDC Car Parks: Cllr Cartwright brought current consultation on car parking to the PC's attention. It was decided this is not a matter BPC can respond to, but individual responses should be given.</p> <p>d) Meetings: Cllr S Smith suggested recording meetings to ensure decisions are correctly reported. Clerk to contact T Payne to ask for advice. Cllr S Smith volunteered to make recordings also. Cllr S Smith to update Retention Policy as per the change.</p> <p>e) Weed spraying: Clerk explained that the decision to extend spraying to The Dale (which was taken after the July meeting) needed to be recorded so residents would be kept informed.</p> <p>f) Parking issues on The Dale: A resident had raised the issue of parking in front of the bench at the top of The Dale, preventing people from sitting on the bench. Cllr Grover suggested moving the bench to the side. Cllr Barry agreed to have a look and to send photos to councillors. Chair acknowledged on-going issues with parking on The Dale.</p> <p>g) Vandalism: There has been recent vandalism including notices being torn from the notice board and from BT posts, the bus stop notice, and also the new footpath sign on The Dale has been wrenched away. Clerk reported that she has told the police. There has also been vandalism in the WC's and Cllrs reported cars have been scratched. It was agreed to monitor and to ask for further police action if necessary.</p> <p>h) Park: Cllr Grover wondered if the logs at the edge of the play area could be altered to allow wheelchair access from the Yeoman St side. Other Cllrs suggested this was unnecessary as wheelchair users use the bottom entrance by the car park. Clerk to ask DDDC if the alteration would be viable.</p> <p>i) Quarrying update: Cllr Grover to attend meeting 18.09.24. He reported there have been many complaints in Cromford about the noise from Ball Eye.</p> <p>j) Well: Chair reported that during Open Gardens there had been enquiries about the well on the High St. Clerk reported that the homeowner continues to be involved in repair work so the well is covered for protection.</p>	<p>RG/Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>SS/Clerk</p> <p>JB</p> <p>All Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>RG</p>

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	<p>k) Website: Chair reported on-going issues with the new site, in particular how difficult it is to find documents through the search facility. Clerk to contact parish-online to discuss. Cllrs to explore new site before next meeting to identify on-going problems.</p>	All Cllrs/ Clerk																																																								
17/09/9	<p>Finance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Monthly Payments received: £423 (defib donations) b) Statement/ Annual Accounts: the accounts for period 5 were approved c) Monthly Audit: Clark apologised that she had not sent this to Cllr Smith and would do so. d) Annual audit: The Clerk reported this had been successfully completed and approved. e) Risk Assessments: clerk carried out Risk Assessments in August. <table border="1" data-bbox="279 683 1356 1234"> <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>£122.60</td> <td>Salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>G Hardy</td> <td>£164.17</td> <td>Salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>M Biggin</td> <td>£136.27</td> <td>Salary + expenses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>HMRC</td> <td>£370.52</td> <td>PAYE month 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>R Allsopp</td> <td>£120</td> <td>WC cleaning</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Card</td> <td>Value Products Ltd</td> <td>£43.69</td> <td>AED signs</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Diocese of Derby</td> <td>£400</td> <td>Park rent</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Tmn arboriculture</td> <td>£300</td> <td>Tree survey Park</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>PKF Littlejohn</td> <td>£252</td> <td>Audit</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Roy Johnson Landscape Services</td> <td>£218.40</td> <td>Park mowing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Online</td> <td>Barley Mow</td> <td>£30</td> <td>Volunteer voucher (R Newton)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>Virgin/o2 Mobile</td> <td>£14.24</td> <td>Phone charges</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DD</td> <td>Virgin money</td> <td>£13.55</td> <td>Bank charges</td> </tr> </table>	Online	J Milverton	£713.92	Salary	Online	P Spencer	£122.60	Salary	Online	G Hardy	£164.17	Salary	Online	M Biggin	£136.27	Salary + expenses	Online	HMRC	£370.52	PAYE month 3	Online	R Allsopp	£120	WC cleaning	Card	Value Products Ltd	£43.69	AED signs	Online	Diocese of Derby	£400	Park rent	Online	Tmn arboriculture	£300	Tree survey Park	Online	PKF Littlejohn	£252	Audit	Online	Roy Johnson Landscape Services	£218.40	Park mowing	Online	Barley Mow	£30	Volunteer voucher (R Newton)	DD	Virgin/o2 Mobile	£14.24	Phone charges	DD	Virgin money	£13.55	Bank charges	
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17/09/9	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Memorial application: to approve additional inscription Melissa and Michael Briddon. After discussion and review of the plans it was agreed to make no objection to this application.</p> <p>24/00607/FUL Erection of 1 dwelling Land North of Ember Lane. As there was no meeting in August this was considered by the Planning Committee of BPC which has objected to the application. Full details can be viewed on the DDDC website. The objection detailed the lack of elevation provided, concern over the access of the footpath and the appearance of the proposed dwelling and the prior agricultural use of the land.</p> <p>24/00703/VCOND Variation of condition 2 of application no. 24/00175/VCOND - Variation of condition no.2 of planning application 23/00929/FUL to vary approved plans Land To The East Of Millpinch Cottage The Dale. After discussion and review of the plans it was agreed to make no objection to this application.</p> <p>24/00749/FUL Erection of garden wall Sunnyside The Dale. BPC objected to this application on the grounds that it is intrusive, not in keeping with the surrounding buildings due to its scale and inappropriate in a conservation area. Full details of the objection can be viewed on the DDDC website.</p>																																																									
	<p>Next meeting Tuesday 15th October at 7.30pm.</p>																																																									

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