

# Bolton le Sands Parish Council

## Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 at 7pm at the Old Free Grammar School, Bolton le Sands.

Present: Cllr. Archer (Vice), Cllr. Kitching, Cllr. Leak, Cllr. R Taylor, Cllr. Allison & Cllr. Pinder

**Open Forum.** Representatives from Thwaite Brow, Brian Crawley, Louise Belcher, Ian Morley and Fraser Smith attended. It was reported that a wire fence has been cut and a barrier gate removed for cyclists to gain access to the woods to create jumps for mountain bikes. Concerns were raised that any excess noise from this activity could potentially disturb the inhabitants of the bat boxes. They enquired of the possibility of displaying signs in the woods to prohibit and deter the use of mountain bikes. Reported the Oak bark has been collected for the Tannery. A formal policy on woodland usage to be considered.

### **125/24 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies received at the July Council meeting for - Cllr. Bell (Chair). Cllr. Budden and Cllr. Chaplin. Cllr L Taylor email sent.

### **126/24 To receive declarations of interests and consider & approve dispensations.**

**127/24 To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish council meeting held on Monday 5th August 2024. Approved** by Cllr. Taylor and Cllr. Leak.

### **128/24 To receive the report from the lengthsman and consider works to be completed.**

- Play area. Replacement of timber edging and paving repairs, then refill with sand and cushion fall then play bark. Woodchip steps near Zip wire. Wet pour under the springer to be repaired/replaced.
- Tarmac-Awaiting 2 quotes for tarmac repair. Ongoing.
- Pathway leading to the school from Packet Lane, branches to be cut back.
- Signage for Table tennis table. On hold.
- The Bus shelter opposite the Royal Hotel to tidy repair and paint. Also the shelter on Slyne Road, north bound by **September**. Cantilever and opposite Ricky's to tidy and clean inside by **September**.
- The conifer hedge between the Bowling Green and the Community Centre and the hedge around the Play area to be trimmed by **September**.
- The surrounding area by the bench opposite the Electricity sub station at St Michaels is over grown and needs to be strimmed.
- Sand to be placed in the Play area.
- Bicycle dredged from the canal currently on the towpath to be removed.
- Thwaite Brow. To secure the gate that had been removed.
- BLS Council notice to be re-positioned on the Shore (to liaise with Cllr Archer). An additional sign to be positioned on the green verge further along on the Shore.
- Missing pane to be replaced at the bus shelter on Whin Grove.  
**Proposed:** Cllr R Taylor Second: Cllr Allison.

### **129/24 Environmental and village maintenance.**

- Community Centre water leak. Awaiting the water meter to be installed by United Utilities (Meter Services).
- Land next to the Bowling Green that was handed back to Old Boys School has a giant hog weed growing. Email received from Stephen Bowes (LCC) stating it is the responsibility of

the land owner Old Boys School and must be controlled. The email from Stephen Bowes LCC has been forwarded to Old Boys School.

### 130/24 Finance.

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman Wages £ 1297.72 Bark £1089.00	£ 2386.72
Cheque	Kim C Bennett	Wages £875.68 Mobile tariff £6.00. Outlook-£12.36-InkCartridge 23.81= £42.17	£917.85
Cheque	Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall	Invoice for Utilities	£ 243.00
Cheque	Travis Perkins x 8	Materials – Play area	£515.48
Cheque	Jon Oliver	Tree risk survey Yr3 – Thwaite Brow	£200.00
Cheque	M D Hanafin & Sons	Treated sawn stakes – Play area	£29.40

### Retrospective payments.

Water Improvement Services £700.00

**Proposed** by Cllr. Kitchen. Seconded by Cllr. Leak.

### 131/24 Planning matters & applications.

Completed PROW order. Footpath Diversion Order - Public Right of Way RB0106023 – 23/01380/FUL 95 Main Road Bolton le Sands Carnforth LA5 8EQ. **No objections.**

24/00931/Ful Mr & Mrs D Lawton. Erection of wall, entrance gate and posts. Proposal 18 Greenwood Crescent, Bolton le Sands LA5 8AT. **Neighbours comments to be considered and subject to the Arboricultural Officers’s comments. No objections.**

24/00935/FUL - Mr James Rafferty1 - Monkswell Avenue Bolton le Sands. Erection of a single storey rear/side extension. **No objections.**

### 132/24 To consider the request for the Playgroup railings to be repaired.

A copy of the Licence Agreement delivered to the Play school. Awaiting an update from the Nursery Manager.

### 133/244 Updates on Village parking and Traffic issues.

- Email was sent raising our concerns on the Traffic issues to - Stuart Morris, Paul [Shepherd@lancashire.police](mailto:Shepherd@lancashire.police), [head@bolton-le-sands.lancs](mailto:head@bolton-le-sands.lancs). Ongoing.
- Abandoned Cars. Response received from Paul Shepherd. Ongoing

### 134/24 Reports and Correspondence received.

- Memorial bench in front of Morecambe Lodge Caravan Park, on Shore lane, Bolton le Sands. Email was sent and awaiting a reply.
- Michael Rodwell. Overnight parking on the Foreshaw. Proposed to reposition the existing No Overnight Parking sign as this is not clearly visible. An additional sign to be sited on the foreshore.
- Tree survey and final invoice for the agreed period of August 2022/ 2023/ 2024, £200. Jon Oliver.

**136/24. To consider** tree survey increase of price for the next 3 years to £250 for 2025/2026/2027.

**Proposed:** Cllr. Kitchen. **Second:** Cllr. Allinson.

### 137/24 Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7pm.

**Signed.....Date.....**