

Bolton le Sands Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 5th August 2024 at 7pm at the Old Free Grammar School, Bolton le Sands.

Present: Cllr. Bell (Chair), Cllr. Archer (Vice), Cllr. Kitching, Cllr. Leak, Cllr. Budden, Cllr. Chaplin, Cllr. R Taylor, Cllr L Tylor, Cllr. Allison & Cllr. Pinder

Open Forum. Brian Crawley attended the meeting to give an update clarifying the accident at Thwaite Brow.

112/24 To receive apologies for absence.

Mrs K C Bennett (Clerk)

113/24 To receive declarations of interests and consider & approve dispensations.

Cllr. Budden – Pre School.

114/24 To consider and approve the minutes of the Parish council meeting held on Monday 1st July 2024. Cllr. Leak: Requested bus shelter item corrected (**115/24**). Shelter opposite Royal and Slyne Road North are the ones for repair. We are leaving Ricky's and other cantilever ones for now.

Approved by Cllr Leak and Cllr R Taylor.

115/24 To receive the report from the lengthsman and consider works to be completed.

Replacement of timber edging and paving repairs. Then to 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, to cut back branches.

Signage for Table tennis table.

The Bus shelter opposite the Royal Hotel to tidy, repair and paint, also the shelter on Slyne Road, North Bound by **September**.

The conifer hedge between the Bowling Green and the Community Centre 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.

Bark and sand to be purchased for playground repairs. Sand 8 x bags at £600 & Bark at £792 both plus VAT.

Proposed: Cllr Allison Second: Cllr Kitching.

Notice board is not to have an additional board put underneath for village notices – we do not believe it would look right and would be too low. There are other public notice boards around the village, including the Library.

116/24 Environmental and village maintenance.

Community Centre water leak. To proceed with work for water leak. United Utilities to carry out the work to fit a stop tap. Water Improvement Services to carry out investigative work at £600 per day – cap of 2 days with report after each day.

Proposed: Cllr Archer. Second: Cllr Bell.

Enquiries to be made to LCC re the repairs to be made to the bench on the Cinder path.

Whin Grove & Brookfields bus shelter glass repairs requiring attention.

Mile markers – To make enquiries to LCC and advise of 1 of being missed on northbound between Whin Grove and Holgates.

To report: Sub Station to Electricity Northwest as vegetation is very overgrown and encroaching badly onto the footpath. St Michaels over grown and over the bench on opposite side of the road.

Cherry Trees at Whin Grove need cutting back as hanging over onto the public pathway. Clerk to contact LCC and copy Stuart Morris.

Footpath No 9 and from St Michaels to Bypass road, both overgrown.

Land next to Bowling Green that was handed back to OBS is overgrown and has giant hog weed growing – Report to LCC.

117/24 Finance.

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman	£1,609.80
Cheque	Kim C Bennett	Wages £875.68 Expenses- Purchase Mobilephone-ClerksManual-Postage-Monthly-Outlook,mobile tariff £182.95	£1058.63
Cheque	Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall	Invoice for Utilities	£ 60.13
Cheque	Travis Perkins x 2	Materials – Play area	£214.74
Cheque	DC Garden Services	Grass matting- Playground & Table tennis area.	£1487.49

RETRESPECTIVE PAYMENTS

Grant BLS Cricket Club £500.00

M McGuire Plumbing & Heating Ltd £362.40

CMH Tree Services £950.00

Drain Doctor-Investigation report £192.00.

Proposed by Cllr. Allison. Seconded by Cllr. Leak.

118/24 Planning matters & applications.

PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2024, TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990, SECTION 257, DIVERSION OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY RB0106023.

Public right of way path diversion at 95 Main Road Bolton-le-Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8EQ.

Tree Application No 24/0119/TCA – Proposal G2-Reduce height by 3 meters. For Witherslack. Site address-Woodlands, Mill Lane, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire LA5 8DG

Tree Application No. 24/0131/TCA Cherry tree-Crown reduction and branch pruning, Birch tree-reduce height, Yew tree-crown reduction For Mr Andrew Severn Site Address-58 Main Road, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8DN. **No comments on tree applications.**

Packet boat – approve changes, no objections

119/24 To consider the request for the Playgroup railings to be repaired.

Grant application received. ‘Go fund me’ started by the Playgroup. Cllr. L Taylor has suggested other fund raising options and offered to support. 4 x grants have been applied for by the Playgroup. No offer from the Parish Council at this stage, dependent on other funding. However, agreed we stress the urgency to the pre school and suggest some temporary safety measures to be put in place. Deferred to September. Clerk to email the Playgroup for an update. Request for Clerk to advise council of IP Jones measurements.

120/24 Updates on Village parking and Traffic issues.

Email was sent raising our concerns on the Traffic issues to - Stuart Morris, Paul Shepherd@lancashire.police, head@bolton-le-sands.lancs. Ongoing.

121/24 To consider the purchase of Parish online for our Website.

All councillors agreed to proceed with Parish online as the new website platform.

Proposed: Cllr. Allison. **Second:** Cllr. Taylor.

122/24 Reports and Correspondence received.

Memorial bench in front of Morecambe Lodge Caravan Park, on Shore lane, Bolton le Sands. Clerk to request a drawing of the exact location.

Enquiries to be made to LCC re the repairs to be made to the bench on the Cinder path.

Bonfire event – Clerk to request that the bonfire committee advise on their parking plans.

Hest Bank FC – Fee to remain the same for 2024. This will be reviewed for next year based on maintenance costs

Proposed: Cllr. Leak. **Second:** Cllr. Kitching.

123/24. Councillors to review:-

Code of conduct. Standing Orders. Financial regulations.

All councillors to bring any amendments to the September meeting.

124/24 Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday 2nd September 2024 at 7pm.

Signed.....Date.....