

Bolton le Sands Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 7pm
at the Old Free Grammar School, Bolton le Sands.

Present: Cllr Bell, Cllr Bolton, Cllr Chaplin, Cllr Leak, Cllr Fothergill, Cllr Parkinson.
Gill Mason – Locum clerk.
2 members of the public.
Lancaster City Councillor J Wild.

Open Forum.

The Thwaite Wood Volunteers would like the parish council to authorise a payment for a tree survey to be completed at a cost of £600.00 over three years.

The fallen Hornbeam Tree is still in situ. If no one would like the tree it may have to be chopped up for firewood.

A coke oven has been excavated and there is an event being held on Saturday 11-4pm for people to view it.

Cllr Wild has had a request for a bench to be sited on The Shore at Morecambe Lodge. The clerk will liaise with the resident.

58/22 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Kitching, Cllr Wilson and Cllr Archer.

Cllr White has resigned from the parish council.

59/22 To receive declarations of interests and consider & approve dispensations.

Cllr Bell declared an interest in the planning application 22/00148/FUL as a neighbour of the applicant.

60/22 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 7th March 2022.

It was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the vice chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Fothergill.

Seconded by Cllr Chaplin.

61/22 To receive the report from the lengthsman, to consider the lengthsman's hours and rate and to receive an update on the casual village contractors.

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and accepted.

It was resolved that the parish council raise the lengthsman's hourly rate and adjust the budget accordingly.

Proposed by Cllr Parkinson

Seconded by Cllr Leak.

62/22 Environmental & Village Maintenance.

Lancaster City Council will be completing the playpark repairs by the end of the month.

The wooden fence on the A6 near St Margaret's Road is broken and needs repairing.

The parish council will create a playpark maintenance checklist and ask the lengthsman to complete the checks monthly.

63/22 Finance.

To consider and approve the following items for payment.

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman	£581.00
Cheque	G Mason Locum Clerk	Wages and Expenses (£624.00 / £45.00)	£669.00
Cheque	A Swindlehurst	Greens maintenance	£200.00
Cheque	Thwaite Brow Volunteers	Bat Box reimbursement	£199.50
Cheque	Travis Perkins	Materials (£126.43 / £50.90)	£182.97
Cheque	E & MA Burrow & Son	Hedge cutting	£90.00
Cheque	Sutcliffe Play	Teen shelter installation and grass matting	£2043.26
Cheque	BLS Village Hall	Utility charges	£116.75

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Bolton.

Seconded by Cllr Bell.

64/22 To consider the update from the Bolton le Sands Community Centre Committee and to appoint a parish councillor to be a representative on the committee.

No update.

65/22 To consider the update on the purchase of a Platinum Jubilee tree / bench.

The clerk will contact the Thwaite Brow Volunteers and ask for advice on which type of tree should be bought and planted at The Hollows.

66/22 To consider the update on the siting of the defibrillator.

The clerk will ask London Hearts how much a new defibrillator and locked cabinet will cost and whether there are grants available.

67/22 To consider the update on the costs of purchasing new signage for the recreation areas.

It was resolved that the signage be purchased at a cost of approximately £80.00. The CCTV signage will be purchased at a later date.

Proposed by Cllr Chaplin.

Seconded by Cllr Fothergill.

68/22 To consider the update on the war memorial maintenance.

Cllr Parkinson informed the parish council that the war memorial will be repointed and that the flags will be squared off and the surfaces grinded to make them smooth. If there are any further problems the contractors are happy to come back.

69/22 Planning matters & applications.

22/00349/FUL Proposal : Erection of a two storey rear extension and installation of door to the side elevation. Site Address : 23 Monkswell Avenue, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8JY.

The parish council has no observations.

Application No. : 22/00265/FUL Proposal : Erection of a single storey rear extension and installation of external steps Site Address : 3 Whin Drive, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8DB.

The parish council has no observations.

Application No. : 22/00148/FUL Proposal : Demolition of existing conservatory and garage, erection of a single storey rear extension, garage, and a front porch, and the construction of a raised patio and steps to the rear Site Address : 29 Broadlands Drive, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8BH.

If the planning officer is minded to approve the application, could the neighbour's responses be taken into consideration first.

Application No. : 21/01295/FUL Proposal : Demolition of existing restaurant and erection of five new dwellings (C3) with associated landscaping and altered access. Site Address : Hawthorne House, Bypass Road, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire.

The parish council object as the only change to the application is the movement of two car parking spaces. The access and egress onto the A6 haven't changed so there it still the potential accident risk as there are five junctions within 100m on this road.

22/0053/TPO Proposal : x1 Sycamore (T1) - Crown lift over the shed and thin x1 Pine (T2) – Fell Site Address : 14 The Green, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8FD.

No observations.

70/22 To consider the tree survey specification from the Thwaite Brow Volunteers.

It was resolved that the trees be surveyed for three years at cost of £600.00.

Proposed by Cllr Bell.

Seconded by Cllr Fothergill.

71/22 To consider the request for payment towards the purchase of trees for the village.

It was resolved that £108.86 payment be made.

Proposed by Cllr Chaplin.

Seconded by Cllr Fothergill.

72/22 To consider the update on the clerk's vacancy.

Only one application was received.

It was resolved that the parish council appoint Gill Mason as the clerk.

Proposed by Cllr Bell.

Seconded by Cllr Bolton.

73/22 To consider the creation of a website working group.

It was resolved that the members of the working group are Cllr Chaplin and the clerk as support. Cllr Wilson will be asked to join the group at the next meeting.

74/22 Reports and correspondence received (reference only - councillors are asked to submit any reports or correspondence to the clerk before the meeting).

The Packet Boat public footpath has been reopened.

The Holy Trinity Church's new vicar's service will be held on Sunday.

75/22 Date and time of the next meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7pm on Monday 2nd May 2022.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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