

Bolton le Sands Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr Archer, Cllr Bell, Cllr Bowman, Cllr Chaplin, Cllr Kitching, Cllr Fothergill, Cllr Leak, Cllr Parkinson and Cllr Wilson.

Gill Mason - clerk.

City Cllr Budden.

Open Forum.

Cllr Budden stated that an APM had not been held by the parish council - the parish council informed Cllr Budden that a meeting was advertised on the website and the noticeboard and held on the 2nd May 2022 at 6.30pm.

Cllr Budden asked about the repair to the bus shelters – a full report has been completed by the parish council and will be discussed under the agenda item.

Cllr Budden said that the accounts and audit had not been put on the website – the clerk explained that the final report has not been received by the auditors and that she would follow procedure and publish everything that was required.

Cllr Budden said that the parish council are not spending any money and there was only one place the money was going and that was on the clerk's wages.

Cllr Budden said that he had contacted Lancaster City Council and they had completed a site visit for the overgrown area on Shady Lane. The report (which Cllr Budden said he would not forward to the parish council) said the pavement is not overgrown by the hedge or ivy and that no work is required to cut the vegetation back.

175/22 To receive apologies for absence.

None.

176/22 To receive declarations of interests and consider & approve dispensations.

Cllr Leak and Cllr Parkinson declared an interest in any item referring to the bowling club.

177/22 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2022.

It was resolved that the minutes be signed and approved by the chair after the spelling of Cllr Wild was corrected.

Proposed by Cllr Kitching.

Seconded by Cllr Parkinson.

178/22 To receive the report from the lengthsman.

The report was circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting.

179/22 Environmental and village maintenance.

Bus shelter maintenance / replacement

The concrete shelters have been cleaned. The clerk will ask Lune Cleaning to deep clean the aluminium shelters. Cllr Leak provided quotes from two bus shelter suppliers. The clerk will ask for a quote from a third supplier in line with financial regulations.

It was resolved that the tennis court wire-net fence be repaired by the lengthman with a budget of up to £200.00.

Proposed by Cllr Parkinson.

Seconded by Cllr Chaplin.

180/22 Finance.

To consider and approve the following items for payment.

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman	£272.00
Cheque	G Mason Clerk	Wages & Expenses £797 expenses / wreath	£837.00
Cheque	A Swindlehurst	Greens maintenance	£200.00
Cheque	BLS Village Hall	Invoice for utilities	£140.90
Cheque	Travis Perkins	Metal cutting disc	£2.80
Cheque	AgroVista	Top dressing	£346.20
Cheque	Wynnstay	Gate and fixings	£126.00

Receipts

BACS	Hest Bank FC	Pitch fees	£320.00
BACS	ITV	Filming of The Bay	£400.00

It was resolved that the payments be made.

The order of service for the Remembrance Day needed reprinting at short notice at a cost of £150.00. It was resolved that the payment be made under authorised emergency spend.

Proposed by Cllr Bell.

Seconded by Cllr Parkinson.

181/22 Planning matters & applications.

22/01263/FUL Proposal : Construction of a raised roof, hip to gable extension and rear dormer extension, erection of a single storey rear extension and construction of a raised terrace to the rear Site Address : 4 Broadlands Drive, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8BH.

The parish council has no observations.

22/01221/FUL Proposal : Demolition of existing building and erection of five new dwellings (C3) with associated landscaping and altered access. Address : Hawthorne House, Bye-pass Road, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire LA5 8JD.

The parish council object to the planning application. The application takes no cognisance for the property next door, the development would obscure the fire station from road users on the A6 towards Carnforth.

It introduces another junction and standing traffic on an already busy A6 accident blackspot, and it will increase the risk of additional accidents. It is opposite Clarksfield junction and adjacent to Acorn Meadow which would be 3 junctions within 20 yards of each other and in front of the fire station access and 50 yds North is St Michaels crossroad. The grassy area on the fire station which borders Hawthorne house floods in heavy rainfall and the development would increase the runoff into this area, should development go ahead all levels should run towards field on the southern edge of the boundaries.

22/01102/FUL Proposal : Erection of outbuilding Site Address : 56 Swallow Close, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8BN.

The parish council has no observations.

Proposed by Cllr Kitching.

Seconded by Cllr Bell.

182/22 To consider the update from the Green's Committee and the management of the bowling club facilities.

It was resolved that the Green's Committee meet again with the Bowling Club representatives with the new proposal of managing the facilities. The parish council will continue to insure the building, manage the car park so it can be used for general public use, and will cut both sides of the recreation area bordering hedge. The club will manage the pavilion, greens, footpaths and hedges. The parish council will also propose that a small grant may be awarded to help with the running costs.

Proposed by Cllr Fothergill.

Seconded by Cllr Wilson.

183/22 To consider the update of the project and the collection of plastic bottles.

Cllr Wilson reported that half of the bottles had been collected by Abbeystead School. The other half can be stored, as they may be collected soon.

184/22 To consider the request for tree planting on the parish recreation area.

It was resolved that the tree planting request cannot be authorised as the recreation area is not suitable.

Proposed by Cllr Parkinson.

Seconded by Cllr Kitching.

185/22 To consider the update on the School Croft lease.

The lengthsman has installed the new gate.

It was resolved that the lengthsman purchase and install the fencing with an extra budget of up to £300 and instruct the contractor to remove the barrier and mow the grass.

Proposed by Cllr Parkinson.

Seconded by Cllr Fothergill.

186/22 To consider the review of the accounts and the preparation of the budget for 2023-2024.

The clerk will draft a budget and circulate it to all councillors before the next meeting.

187/22 To consider the invoice for the fencing next to the bowling green.

It was resolved that the invoice will not be paid as the works were not authorised by the parish council.

Proposed by Cllr Wilson.

Seconded by Cllr Parkinson.

188/22 To consider the requests for a memorial bench at Morecambe Lodge and steps to the shore.

It was resolved that the bench siting be authorised. The steps to the shore cannot be authorised due to the shore banking, health and safety issues and additional disability access needs.

Proposed by Cllr Archer.

Seconded by Cllr Parkinson.

189/22 To consider the request from Electricity Northwest regarding the land in front of the sub-station.

It was resolved that the clerk was asked to purchase the land registry title and map for the land so the parish council can review the boundary and access.

Proposed by Cllr Parkinson.

Seconded by Cllr Fothergill.

190/22 Reports and correspondence received (reference only - councillors are asked to submit any reports or correspondence to the clerk before the meeting).

Resignation of Cllr Bolton – noted.

191/22 Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday 28th November 2022.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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