

Bolton le Sands Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 28th 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 Leak, Cllr Parkinson and Cllr Wilson.

Gill Mason - clerk.

One member of the public.

Open Forum.

The Thwaite Brow Wood representative informed the parish council that £161.85 has been received from the Devon Tannery for the oak bark.

192/22 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Fothergill.

193/22 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.

194/22 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 7th November 2022.

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

Proposed by Cllr Parkinson.

Seconded by Cllr Wilson.

195/22 To receive the report from the lengthsman and review the schedule of works.

The report was circulated to all councillors.

196/22 Environmental and village maintenance.

Cllr Leak proposed that the councillors each take an area of responsibility in the village which can be monitored and reported on.

The wall on the footpath from Monkswell to Wordsworth needs reporting to LCC, as it is need of repair and maintenance.

The bench at Grange View north side needs repairing and the Morecambe side needs removing.

The telephone kiosk that houses the defibrillator, has had a panel of glass smashed and needs repairing.

The clerk will contact LCC to report that the traffic islands, pathways, path edges and gutters need weeding.

Bus shelter purchase and installation

The timber shelters need sweeping out. Three quotes have now been received for the bus shelter replacements.

It was resolved that two bus shelters be purchased at a total cost of £11077.00 plus vat.

The clerk will contact LCC Street Works regarding the licence/permit to site new shelters.

Proposed by Cllr Bell.

Seconded by Cllr Parkinson.

Playpark inspection update

The timber on the Amazon unit at the playpark needs repair and maintenance. The clerk will contact Playdale as the equipment is under warranty.

The clerk has also asked for a quote from Lancaster City Council for maintenance of the playpark in line with the inspection.

Noticeboard purchase

The clerk will get quotes for a new recycled plastic noticeboard.

197/22 Finance.

To consider and approve the following items for payment.

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman	£480.00
Cheque	G Mason Clerk	Wages & Expenses	£817.00
Cheque	A Swindlehurst	Greens maintenance	£200.00
Cheque	BLS Village Hall	Invoice for utilities	£100.00
Cheque	PKF Littlejohn	Auditors	£240.00
Cheque	P Wilson	PA system /warranty / lead reimbursement	£262.36
Cheque	M Garnett	Order of service	£152.00

Receipts

BACS	PROW grant	Footpaths and biodiversity	£800.00
Cheques	Bowling Club	Winter Permits	£140.00

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Chaplin.

Seconded by Cllr Leak.

198/22 Planning matters & applications.

22/01355/VCN Proposal : Erection of a single storey front extension (pursuant to the variation of condition 2 on planning permission 22/00775/FUL to extend the single storey front extension) For : Site Address : 6 Monkswell Drive, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8JZ.

The parish council has no observations.

199/22 To consider the update from the Green's Committee and the management of the bowling club facilities.

The bowling club committee will consider the proposals put forward and meet again with the Green's Committee.

200/22 To consider the NALC clerk's annual pay scale.

Deferred to the next meeting.

201/22 To consider the update on the School Croft lease.

The lengthsman has started works on School Croft by replacing the gate, hedge strimming and organising the siting of the new fence.

202/22 To consider the review of the accounts and the preparation of the budget for 2023-2024.

It was resolved that the draft budget be adopted for 2023-2024.

Proposed by Cllr Wilson.

Seconded by Cllr Bell.

203/22 To consider the request from Electricity Northwest regarding the land in front of the sub-station.

The land is not yet registered by the parish council. Once the archive has been collected, the clerk will look into what applications have been completed.

204/22 To consider the repair of the PA system.

Cllr Wilson informed the parish council that a company in Lancaster may be able to repair the old PA system and then the system could be sold.

205/22 Reports and correspondence received (reference only - councillors are asked to submit any reports or correspondence to the clerk before the meeting).

The Christmas Tree will be sited at Abbeyfield and the electricity costs will be reimbursed.

206/22 Date and time of the next meeting.

Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.36pm.

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