

Bolton le Sands Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2023 at 7pm at the Old Free Grammar School, Bolton le Sands.

Present: Cllr Archer, Cllr Bell (chair), Cllr Bowman, Cllr Chaplin, Cllr Henderson, Cllr Kitching, Cllr Leak, Cllr Parkinson (vice- chair).

Gill Mason - clerk.

Eight members of the public.

Open Forum.

Members of the public present updated the parish council on the parking issues at the school. The situation is getting worse and there has been verbal abuse between drivers and parents who are parking their cars. There are no pavements and at school times the parking is dangerous and there will eventually be an accident. The residents would like double yellow lines painting on the road outside the school and up to Mount Pleasant. The congestion only helps traffic calming measures at school times. There are large vehicles, tractors and horse trailers that add to the congestion and when vehicles are moving very slowly it is still dangerous as parents and children walk in between cars and into the road.

The speed of vehicles and increased traffic from Nether Kellet into the village is like a rat run.

The headteacher of the school explained that the top gate will be shut for safety, and parents have been discouraged from parking on Bolton Lane and to park at the Holy Trinity Church up to the Main Road and walk up to school. There are 312 pupils at the school, 42 staff and only 15 spaces in the car park.

43/23 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Fothergill and Cllr Wilson.

44/23 To receive declarations of interests and consider & approve dispensations.

Cllr Leak, Cllr Parkinson and Cllr Bowman declared an interest in any agenda item regarding the bowling club.

45/23 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 6th March 2023.

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

Proposed by Cllr Kitching.

Seconded by Cllr Parkinson.

46/23 To receive the report from the lengthsman.

The report was circulated to all councillors. The playpark swing parts have been ordered and the swing will be repaired by the assistant lengthsman.

47/23 Environmental and village maintenance.

Bus shelter purchase and installation update

The old bus shelters have been removed and the new shelters will be sited in May. LCC have issued the roadworks permits.

Noticeboard purchase and siting update

The noticeboard has been ordered and will be delivered and sited at the church once payment is made.

Hedge cutting in the village

The clerk was asked to contact the landowners of the hedges that need cutting in the village. The Middlebrook Oatmere development, the Mia-Italia restaurant land, Eden Grove and the sub- station.

48/23 Finance.

To consider and approve the following items for payment.

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman	£744.00
Cheque	G Mason- Clerk	Wages & Expenses	£817.00
Cheque	A Swindlehurst	Greens maintenance	£200.00
Cheque	Old Boys School	Final lease payment	£203.26
Cheque	Sutcliffe Play	Swing repair spare parts	£126.92
Cheque	E & MA Burrow	Post driving & hedgecutting	£210.00
Cheque	Bolton le Sands Village Hall	Invoice for Utilities	£129.93
Cheque	Noticeboard Company Cumbria	Noticeboard purchase	£834.00
Cheque	Travis Perkins	Bus shelter repair materials	£71.69

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Bell.

Seconded by Cllr Parkinson.

49/23 Planning matters & applications.

The clerk will contact the planning department to request that all applications are sent by email to the parish council.

50/23 To consider the grant application for the community centre.

No update.

51/23 To consider the village parking problems and the use of the recreation area car park.

Cllr Bowman will continue to liaise with the headteacher and LCC regarding the parking problems at the school. A consultation with the residents, police and city and county councillors will be considered to try and resolve the issues.

The Ace skip is still sited in the community car park and the last parking bay needs removing as it is hard to manoeuvre if a vehicle is parked there.

52/23 To consider the review of the parish defibrillators.

It was resolved that the parish council will purchase the defibrillator lock box up to a cost of £400.00. The box is required for the new defibrillator so it can be sited in the old telephone box.

Proposed by Cllr Bell.

Seconded by Cllr Chaplin.

53/23 To consider the access to footage and maintenance of the CCTV system.

The clerk was asked to obtain a quote from an alternative CCTV provider to bring the systems together and implement remote access to footage.

54/23 To consider the update on the proposed bowling club management takeover.

The draft terms and conditions have been sent to the bowling club committee. It was resolved that the floodlights and water irrigation system be repaired, maintained, and insured by the bowling club.

Proposed by Cllr Archer.

Seconded by Cllr Bell.

55/23 To consider the purchase of tide warning notices and the publication of the tide timetable on the website.

The tide timetable will have a link from the parish council website. The clerk will ask LCC to provide fast tide signage.

56/23 To consider the arrangements for the annual bonfire event.

The clerk will contact the bonfire committee to ask them to attend the next parish council meeting to discuss the arrangements for the event this year.

57/23 Reports and correspondence received (reference only - councillors are asked to submit any reports or correspondence to the clerk before the meeting).

None received.

58/23 Date and time of the next meeting.

To be arranged after the May 2023 elections.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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