

Bolton le Sands Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023 at 7pm at the Old Free Grammar School, Bolton le Sands.

Present: Cllr Bell (chair), Cllr Bowman, Cllr Kitching, Cllr Leak, Cllr Budden, Cllr Chaplin, Cllr Taylor.
Gill Mason - clerk.

One member of the public.

Lancaster City Councillor Wild and a second Lancaster City Councillor.

Open Forum.

The Thwaite Brow Woods volunteer thanked Cllr Chaplin for placing the pictures of the memorial bench on the website. A cheque for the wood bark for £305.84 has been received.

Cllr Budden and Cllr Kitching questioned the filming of the meeting by the clerk. The clerk had received professional advice and the filming was lawful.

158/23 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Archer.

159/23 To receive declarations of interests and consider & approve dispensations.

Cllr Leak declared an interest in the bowling club agenda item.

Cllr Budden declared an interest in the playgroup agenda item as a trustee.

160/23 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 2nd October 2023.

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

Proposed by Cllr Leak.

Seconded by Cllr Chaplin.

161/23 To receive the report from the lengthsman and consider works to be completed.

Overhanging tree at the bowling club

The clerk will contact the Canals & Rivers Trust and ask again if the land and overhanging trees can be reviewed.

It was resolved that the tin roof for the bus shelter be installed at a cost of £300 plus labour and the painting of the two shelters on Slyne Road be completed.

Proposed by Cllr Bowman.

Seconded by Cllr Kitching.

162/23 Environmental and village maintenance.

Play Park repair and maintenance and grant review

Cllr Leak has completed the expression of interest for the LEF grant for the replacement matting under the equipment. If the EOI is accepted a full application can be made. The lengthsman will be asked to quote on replacing the timbers around the playpark.

Grass cutting review and mower purchase

The football club would like to purchase a mower and for the parish council to contribute 25% to the costs. The approximate cost would be £10-£12k. The parish council request more information regarding ownership, storage, repair and maintenance and frequency and costs of grass cutting by the lengthsman.

Shore Lane Car Park maintenance

The potholes will be levelled and new hardcore will be spread in spring.

Bye-laws at the recreational car park

The clerk will obtain a land solicitors quote to look into the lease renewal.

163/23 Finance.

To consider and approve the following items for payment.

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman	£742.99
Cheque	G Mason- Clerk	Expenses	£50.81
Cheque	Bolton le Sands Village Hall	Invoice for Utilities	£74.09
Cheque	Lancaster City Council	Election costs (ward 2)	£144.00
Cheque	Farrers	Pavilion heating	£800.00
Cheque	Royal British Legion	Wreath	£100.00
Cheque	Travis Perkins	Post concrete	£43.99
Cheque	Old Boys School	Room hire	£62.50

Receipts

Cheque	Thwaite Brow Wood	Bark purchase	£305.84
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It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Leak.

Seconded by Cllr Taylor.

164/23 Planning matters & applications.

23/0179/TCA Proposal : Laying of a hedge which consists of a mixture of trees Site Address : 1 Cross Hill Court, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8EG.

The parish council has no observations.

23/01167/FUL Proposal : Siting of a storage container at Bowling Green Pavilion And Sports Ground Site Address : Bowling Green Pavilion And Sports Ground, Packet Lane, Bolton Le Sands, Lancashire, LA5 8DW.

The parish council has no observations.

23/01167/FUL Proposal : Siting of a storage container at Bowling Green Pavilion And Sports Ground For : Mr Stephen Gooch Site Address : Bowling Green Pavilion And Sports Ground, Packet Lane, Bolton Le Sands, Lancashire, LA5 8DW

The parish council has no observations.

165/23 To consider the cost and purchase of a defibrillator.

It was resolved that the defibrillator be purchased at a cost of £1325.00. A donation of £800 has been received from the from the WI.

Proposed by Cllr Bell.

Seconded by Cllr Kitching.

166/23 To consider the request for the electric supply to the bowling club to be maintained.

The clerk reported that the electrician, at this stage, thinks that the problem is with the floodlights at the bowling green and to investigate the issues will cost £800.00. The clerk was asked to contact another electrician for a quote.

167/23 To consider the request for the playgroup railings to be repaired.

The clerk will send the grant application to the playgroup to apply for funding.

168/23 To consider the tennis club's fees for 2023/2024.

The tennis club has not responded to the request to pay the outstanding fees.

169/23 To consider and approve the draft budget for 2024-2025.

The amendments to the draft budget will be circulated and adopted at the December meeting.

170/23 Reports and correspondence received (reference only - councillors are asked to submit any reports or correspondence to the clerk before the meeting).

None.

171/23 Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday 4th December 2023 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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