

Bolton le Sands Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023 at 7pm at the Old Free Grammar School, Bolton le Sands.

Present: Cllr Archer (vice-chair) Cllr Bell (chair), Cllr Kitching, Cllr Leak, Cllr Budden, Cllr Taylor.

Open Forum.

The representative from Halton FC attended the meeting to discuss the grant application for the lawn mower.

172/23 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Bowman, Cllr Chaplin.

173/23 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 railings agenda item as a trustee.

174/23 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023.

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

Proposed by Cllr Leak.

Seconded by Cllr Taylor.

175/23 To receive the report from the lengthsman and consider works to be completed.

Overhanging tree at the bowling club

The parish council would like to continue to query the ownership of the land, as there are several trees in this area and the council don't want to set a precedent for future maintenance. The eco house in this area has recently sold so a land registry search could be done to see if this land is within its boundary.

176/23 Environmental and village maintenance.

Play Park repair and maintenance and grant review

Cllr Leak is waiting for one more quote for the works for the LEF grant. The parish council's contribution could be in the region of £4000.00 towards the new flooring under the swings.

It was resolved that the quote received from the lengthsman for repairs to the playpark was approved.

Proposed by Cllr Budden.

Seconded by Cllr Taylor.

All in favour.

Grass cutting review and mower purchase

The Halton FC representative explained the grant application process to the parish council. The cost of the mower would be 75% grant funded and the remaining 25% (approximately £2500- £3000) would be the needed contribution from the council. The football club would get a maintenance contract built into the purchase, and the parish council would need to include the mower on its insurance.

It was resolved that the parish council agree to the contribution, the maintenance contract and insuring the mower.

Proposed by Cllr Kitching.

Seconded by Cllr Archer.

All in favour.

Recreational area lease renewal

The parish council would like to complete more research on the history of the land and lease before appointing a solicitor.

177/23 Finance.

To consider and approve the following items for payment.

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman	£396.06
Cheque	G Mason- Clerk	Wages and expenses	£840.00
Cheque	Bolton le Sands Village Hall	Invoice for Utilities	£57.18
Cheque	Travis Perkins	Post concrete	£43.99
Cheque	London Hearts	Defibrillator	£1341.00

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Bell.

Seconded by Cllr Leak.

178/23 Planning matters & applications.

23/00036/ENF Appeal against enforcement notice for the raising in height of the boundary front wall. 12 The Shore, Bolton le Sands, Carnforth, LA5 8JR.

The parish council has no observations.

23/01296/LB Proposal : Listed building application for the demolition of existing side and rear extensions and slated roof, erection of single storey rear extension and two storey side extension, alterations to openings, installation of new windows/doors, repainting of external walls, removal of toilets/bar/fixed seating, installation of partition walls, staircase, erection of new and raising of existing boundary walls Site Address : 95 Main Road, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8EQ.

The parish council has no observations.

179/23 To consider the request for the electric supply to the bowling club to be maintained.

The clerk has received a quote of £30 per hour to complete investigative works on the electrics. Clarkson's, without authorisation, have completed some initial works and removed one floodlight. It was resolved that the clerk instruct Bowkers to complete investigatory works on the electric supply and ask how many hours the initial works will take.

Proposed by Cllr Archer.

Seconded by Cllr Taylor.

All in favour.

180/23 To consider the request for the playgroup railings to be repaired.

The clerk was asked to write back to the playgroup and ask if they are prepared to contribute to the cost of installing new railings, as they pay no rent and have use of all the other parish council facilities on the recreational area. The lengthsman will be asked to assess the railings and the concrete posts and see what work needs completing.

181/23 To consider and approve the draft budget for 2024-2025.

It was resolved that the budget be adopted.

Proposed by Cllr Taylor.

Seconded by Cllr Leak.

182/23 To consider the request for a replacement bench on The Shore.

It was resolved that the parish council give permission for a bench to be sited on The Shore / St Michael's Lane.

183/23 Reports and correspondence received (reference only - councillors are asked to submit any reports or correspondence to the clerk before the meeting).

Bus shelter email regarding maintenance – clerk to contact United Utilities regarding the overgrown substation.

Cllr Parkinson’s resignation – noted.

Clerk’s resignation – noted.

184/23 Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday 8th January 2023 at 7pm.

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