

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BOLTON-LE-SANDS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 4th JULY 2016 at 7.00pm**

Present: Chairman: Councillor K Budden.
Parish Councillors: M Archer, T Bell, B Bond, M Craddock, A. Kay, S. Lomax, F. Ryan
City Councillor: M Thomas

Apologies: Cllr L Leak (holiday), City Cllr Rogerson.

OPEN FORUM

PACT (Police and Communities Together –.

Crime figures for April 2016 were tabled;

7 anti-social behaviour calls (6 in 2015) and 5 crimes recorded (3 in 2015). Violence / Sexual Offences x 2 (Westfield Drive – unable to prosecute suspect) (The Shore – no suspect identified); Shoplifting (Packet Lane – no suspect identified); Criminal Damage / Arson (Slyne Road – no suspect identified) and Other Theft (Ancliffe Lane – no suspect identified).

To consider Lengthsman's Report for June

- With Cllr Budden's help, the mesh over the flood light at the Sports Pavilion was refitted and new chains fitted to the basket swing.
- A new lock was fitted to the garage door
- Weed spraying: Pinfold, Jubilee Garage path, around Brookfield Surgery and bus stop, Monkswell, Shelley and Byron paths as well as all around the bowling greens.
- The grass on Mill Lane path was cut
- The Pinfold has been watered several times and weeded.
- Strimming and tidying was done to help the area look its best for Gala Day.
- Damage to the picnic table in the play area was repaired.
- The garage was tidied and the hover mower repaired.
- Accepted delivery of the 2 new benches for the Pinfold
- Trees and bushes cut back at Parson's Moss that was obstructing the path. The old bench will be removed and timbers from the old benches at the Pinfold will be used to create a bench in its place
- Grass cutting continues.

Mike reported his concerns regarding the overflowing of the litter bins and Cllr Budden will look at the bin situation and will order accordingly.

Mike reported on his recent visit to the Thwaite Brow Woods. Damage to trees and people having fires, (other than the tree which had been set on fire that will have to be felled) was evident. Morale with the volunteers is not at its best at the moment due to the vandalism in the woods. He checked on the progress of the Management Plan but has no news at the moment. The volunteers met and shifted tons of soil that had been used as a BMX bike jump for years, which was encouraging bikes into the wood and damage was being caused to create the "run up".

Mike explained that the pump at the Pinfold will be rubbed down and painted once the weather improves and the new benches will be installed once the old ones have been removed.

Environmental Matters:

Cllr Archer commented on the weed situation at the traffic lights at the junction of the A6 and Coastal Road.

Cllr Craddock commented on the state of the verges on Pasture Lane – the clerk has already reported this to County Highways.

Cllr Bell commented on the lack of mowing on School Croft and Parson's Moss and asked that City Council Contractors mow further into the site and not to leave an area overgrown.

Cllr Bell reported that she has been advised by the school that a tree on the boundary has 'honey fungus' and needs to be felled. Cllr Budden asked to meet with Cllr Bell to identify the tree in question and was authorised to take the necessary action.

The footpath from Monkswell Farm to Wordsworth is coming away from the edge of the neighbouring properties. Mike Ashton was asked to have a look at this in the first instance and report this to the Public Rights of Way Officer.

To receive any Declarations of Interest – Cllr Budden Min. 6940[1] Cllr Archer Min 6940[3].

Minutes – The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2016 were accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Lomax – seconded Cllr Ryan.

6936 Matters arising from the Minutes:

Thwaite Brow Representative – Cllr Budden volunteered.

Litter Bins – The clerk reported that she has made contact with Lancaster City Council Customer Services who has passed on the parish council's request to the relevant department.

Flood Signs – Lancashire County Council Highways responded – officers have ordered new signs for Mill Lane / St Nicholas Lane area which will be more effective.

Re-instatement of the car park at Morecambe Lodge – Cllr Archer reported that Ward's have been to site and re-instated the access road, although the work is not finished and will require another visit. Cllr Craddock expressed his concern once again about the erosion of the foreshore and requested a meeting with Adrian Morphet, Projects Engineer at Lancaster City Council to discuss this problem. It was explained that the coastline in that area is designated in the National Shoreline Management Plan as "No Active Intervention" specifically to allow the shoreline to continue to evolve under natural process.

Public Conveniences – Detailed plans drawn by Cllr Craddock were tabled. It was confirmed that the Village Hall Committee are happy with the idea but just raised awareness to the requirement of separate electricity and water meters and suggested a 'fall' to the roof. After much discussion and comments made by Cllr Leak in her absence taken into consideration, it was agreed that plans should be drawn and costings applied for: 2 Ladies toilets complete with sinks and 1 with baby changing facilities; 1 Gent's toilet complete with urinal. There will be a 'fall' on the roof and the floor covering will be tiled. No decision was made as to whether 'payment on entry' doors should be fitted.

To consider the feasibility of a 1-way system through the village – The Lancaster Traffic Liaison Meeting scheduled to be held on the 8th June, had to be postponed and rescheduled for 14th September 2016.

Byway through Thwaite Brow Woods – Lancashire County Council, when deciding on the proposed bridleway, looked at historic evidence and concluded that the unclassified road through Thwaite Brow Woods should be reclassified as a Byway Open to All Traffic. Members felt that the route is not suitable for all traffic and invited a member of the County Council to meet at the site to identify the route.

6937 Champion for Parishes Grant – In her absence, Cllr Leak suggested the parish council approach the Parish Champion for a contribution towards the new benches at The Pinfold to which all members were in agreement.

6938 Access to School via the rear of St Mary's Hall – Cllr Ryan asked for an update on recent discussions with the Catholic Church and school regarding a possible access. It was reported that whilst Fr. John is happy to assist, the other landowners involved will not relinquish the land across which this route will pass. Discussions are on-going on the matter of a safer route to school. Cllr Ryan tabled a letter she had received from County Highways on the various issues. Unfortunately, the Highway Authority has a finite budget for traffic related schemes and is unable to support any further traffic calming measures in the area. However, the Authority is currently supporting the school with advice and resources and the school is currently providing road safety initiatives in the form of Key Stage 1 pedestrian training and Key Stage 2 cycling training to educate pupils on the hazards of the highway and the safest ways in which they can utilise them. The Authority will be refreshing the zig-zag lines outside school in the near future.

6939 To receive Reports by Members: None

6940 Correspondence

2017 Gala – A request to use the playing fields on Saturday 10th June for the 2017 Gala was tabled. Cllr Bell proposed permission be granted – seconded Cllr Archer – carried. Cllr Budden declared an interest.

Bolton-le-Sands FC – A request to use the soccer pitch for the 2016/2017 season was tabled. Cllr Lomax proposed permission be granted – seconded Cllr Bond – carried.

Red Bank Farm – A request to cross Parish Council land on the foreshore at Red Bank with a sewer pipe to link up with United Utilities main sewer in front of No. 1 The Shore was tabled. Cllr Bond proposed permission be granted provided the land is re-instated to the original standard – seconded Cllr Bell – carried. Cllr Archer declared an interest.

STRI 2016 Subscription – It was unanimously agreed to renew this subscription for the coming year – proposed Cllr Craddock – seconded Cllr Bell – carried.

Playground Report – The June inspection report was tabled.

Grange View – A notice from Lancashire Highway Services to close this road from 09.30 hrs until 15.30 hrs on Monday 5th September 2016 until 6th September 2016 or until completion of the works. The clerk was directed to notify Lancashire Highways of the requirement of the 20mph signs.

St Michael's Lane – Earlier reports of slippery surface along this road were forwarded to Lancashire Highways. A works order has been issued to re-apply a further coating of 3mm granite dust to see if the surface can be abraded to assist both horse and rider to feel safer when travelling along this road.

6941 Urgent Matters authorised by the Chairman - None

Finance:

6942 Accounts Payable

Councillor Bell proposed the following accounts be paid. Seconded by Councillor Craddock - carried.

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount / Description
531	M Ashton	£1158.00 Parish Lengthsman (by 4 parishes)
532	P Bradley	£562.24 Clerk's salary + petty cash
533	HMRC	£56.40 PAYE
534	D Mason	£250.00 Cleaner (toilets)
535	A Swindlehurst	£200.00 Greensman (monthly payment)
536	Village Hall	£15.74 Electricity charge
537	Broxap	£735.60 Goal Posts
538	Glasdon	£553.60 Benches
539	LCC	£664.97 Grounds Maintenance
540	Signs Express	£33.00 Notice board signs
541	STRI	£660.00 2016 subscription

T & C Planning

Application No: 16/00706/LB & 16/00705/CU

Proposal: Change of use of public house to two 3-bed dwellings. Demolition of existing single storey and two storey rear extensions, erection of small single storey extension to the rear, erection of two double detached garages, erection of new boundary walls, new glazing to the side, new windows to the rear and door re-instatement to the front.

Address: Former Packet Boat Hotel, 95 Main Road, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: It was reminded that the parish council is in the process of applying to retain access across this land and it was felt that the garages are over-intensive and unneighbourly. There was no objection made for the building to be turned into two dwellings but supported the objections raised by the Funeral Director.

Application No: 16/00761/EDC

Proposal: Existing lawful development certification for the use of land for the sale and display of motor vehicles

Address: Stewart Longton Caravans, Slyne Road, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: Comment was made regarding the area of land shown in the ownership of Stewart Longton Caravans and a query was raised as to ownership of the piece of land adjacent to the carriageway to the southern end of the site. It was also proposed that only motor homes should be on sale and not motor cars.

Application No: 16/00786/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for the retention of a car wash canopy and siting of a kiosk and storage container.

Address: Jubilee Garage, Main Road, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: No adverse comment

Application No: 16/00820/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a single storey side extension and construction of a dormer extension to the rear elevation

Address: 2 Coniston Road, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: No adverse comment but asked that comments made by neighbouring properties to be taken into consideration.

Items for the September Meeting:

Apologies – Cllr Bell (holiday)

Signed:..... Chairman

5th September 2016