

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BOLTON-LE-SANDS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2016 at 7.00pm**

Present: Chairman: Councillor M Craddock
Parish Councillors: M Archer, T. Bell, B Bond, G. Gibbs, L. Leak, S. Lomax, F. Ryan.
City Councillors: S. Rogerson & M. Thomas

Apologies: Cllrs Budden & Kay.

Cllr Craddock opened the meeting by welcoming Cllr Gibbs to the parish council.

OPEN FORUM

PACT (Police and Communities Together –.

Crime figures were tabled;

July – 13 anti-social behaviour calls (6 in 2015) and 7 crimes recorded (4 in 2015). Violence / Sexual Offences x 4 (Canal Gardens - no suspect identified, Meadow Drive and Windermere Road - unable to prosecute suspect and Packet Lane - under investigation); Misc. Theft (Windermere Road – no suspect identified); Vehicle Crime (Cavendish Court – no suspect identified) and Burglary (Canal Gardens – no suspect identified).

Cllr Craddock reported that he recently telephoned the police on 101 from 5pm – 8pm and received no response and recorded his concern. The clerk will advise the police accordingly.

Matters raised by City Councillors – Cllr Thomas spoke of the new district plan which will be put before City Councillors on the 14th of December. He highlighted several areas that will be developed and said that the Green Belt area will be reviewed. The new link road should be opening this month. Cllr Thomas also explained the new proposals for the parliamentary boundaries to reduce the number of seats. Lancaster and Morecambe will be combined and Bolton-le-Sands will be included within this urban constituent. It was confirmed that there was no advantage to combine efforts for the Community Emergency Plan with Slyne-with-Hest Parish Council. The Clerk advised Cllr Thomas that the matters highlighted last month have been passed to County Highways who will be investigating these issues.

To consider Lengthsman's Report for September

Mike advised that the large ash tree on the school/playing field boundary was felled and there was clear evidence it was diseased. Several sections of the security fence had to be taken down to prevent them from being damaged which were reinstated the following day. The litter situation has been helped tremendously by removing the benches at the side of the playing fields although a large amount of broken glass was found around the youth shelter one morning but that seems to be an isolated incident. Weed spraying around the village and on council land was carried out. Mike worked in the woods by assisting the volunteers and completing the work not finished by the Sunday work party. Grass cutting has continued and he has started on the hedge cutting despite an accident he had whilst clearing a fallen tree at Hest Bank.

Works for Mike:

- Replacement of missing wood at the bus shelter opposite The Royal.
- Bench at Whin Grove bus shelter is in a bad state of repair.

Environmental Matters:

- The school crossing patrol sign is obscured
- Undergrowth from the hedges along the A6 – ask Community Pay Back to assist.
- Traffic Lights obscured along Main Road by Packet Bridge.

To receive any Declarations of Interest – None

Minutes – The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September were accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Bond – seconded Cllr Archer.

6963 Matters arising from the Minutes:

Public Conveniences – Cllr Craddock tabled plans and is obtaining three quotes for the work involved.

To consider the feasibility of a 1-way system through the village – The Lancaster Traffic Liaison Meeting took place as scheduled. During the discussion, the Public Rights of Way team advised that the legal process to potentially establish an access through the pub car park may have a prolonged outcome. On this basis consideration, will be given to consult on a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce parking restrictions in the immediate vicinity of Packet Lane junction to help address some of the reported issues which may take a minimum of 6 months.

Tennis Court Usage – Cllr Bond produced a list of the times used by the tennis club and it was unanimously agreed that a sign should be displayed on the outside of the tennis courts for members of the public to be aware of tennis club usage.

Weed Control throughout the parish – The County Council’s policy is to address areas of weeds that constitute causing physical damage to structures, the highway or are having a detrimental effect on the safety of the highways. Cyclical spraying is currently not undertaken to prevent weed growth.

Road safety at the Car Park – The County Council is looking to introduce parking restrictions in the immediate vicinity of Packet Lane and there is insufficient room within the extent of the highway to introduce a safety mirror.

Confirmation of January 2017 meeting – It was confirmed that the January meeting will be re-scheduled to Wednesday 4th January 2017.

Community Emergency Plan – The clerk wrote an article in The Messenger as directed for public contribution.

Bolton-le-Sands Library – The Library closed with only five days’ notice. Cllr Leak asked the clerk to contact Jo Turton to ascertain why and how the County Council has reached their decision to close it. It was also suggested that the land was gifted to the village by the Coulston family and the clerk was directed to ask County Council for more details.

6964 Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order- Packet Boat, Bolton le Sands – Cllr Ryan has received notification from Jayne Elliott, the Public Rights of Way Definitive Map Officer asking for user evidence statements and a plan of the route claimed to be submitted in place of the petitions and letters previously received.

6965 End Polio Now crocus corms – Cllr Craddock has been offered 200 crocus corms free of charge for planting around the village which Cllr Bond gratefully accepted – seconded Cllr Archer – carried.

6966 To receive Reports by Members – None

6967 Correspondence - None

6968 Urgent Matters authorised by the Chairman - None

Finance:

6969 Accounts Payable

Councillor Bond proposed the following accounts be paid. Seconded by Councillor Archer - carried.

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount / Description
565	M Ashton	£996.00 Parish Lengthsman x 4 parishes
566	P Bradley	£562.87 Clerk’s wage + petty cash
567	HMRC	£56.40 PAYE
568	D Mason	£250.00 Cleaner at the toilets
569	A Swindlehurst	£200.00 Greensman
570	Village Hall	£62.81 Electricity
571	A Kilshaw	£1300.00 Painting at Pavilion
572	LCC	£337.17 Grounds Maintenance
573	Agrovista	£450.00 Bowling green materials.
574	Ward’s	£600.00 Re-instatement works at Morecambe Lodge foreshore
575	British Legion	£100.00 Donation

T & C Planning

Application No. 16/00992/FUL
Proposal: Demolition of existing conservatory and garage, erection of a single storey rear extension and erection of a detached garage.
Site Address: 127 Main Road, Bolton-le-Sands
Comment: No adverse comment.

Application No. 16/01099/VCN
Proposal: Erection of a new building for caravan sales and repairs (pursuant to variation of Condition 14 on planning permission 15/00039/FUL which restricts retail sales).
Site Address: 70 Slyne Road, Bolton-le-Sands
Comment: No adverse comment.

Application No. 16/01115/FUL
Proposal: Retrospective application for the retention of a concrete base and 2.4m high fence
Site Address: 70 Slyne Road, Bolton-le-Sands
Comment: There was no objection to the application, however the planning department were made aware that the piece of land enclosed within the area edged blue at the southern end of the site is not under the ownership of Longton's Caravans.

Application No. 16/01143/FUL
Proposal: Change of use and conversion of Coach House to 3-bed dwelling. Demolition of side extension and erection of a two-storey side extension, single storey rear extension and a new boundary wall.
Site Address: 83 Main Road, Bolton-le-Sands
Comment: No adverse comment.

Application No. 16/01154/FUL
Proposal: Demolition of the detached garage and erection of single storey side and rear extensions
Site Address: 19 Greenwood Crescent, Bolton-le-Sands
Comment: No adverse comment but neighbour's comments to be taken into consideration.

Application No. 16/01171/FUL
Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of a 2-storey and single storey rear extension
Site Address: 4 Shelley Close, Bolton-le-Sands
Comment: No adverse comment but neighbour's comments to be taken into consideration with regards to access.

Signed:..... Chairman

7th November 2016