

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BOLTON-LE-SANDS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
On WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2018 at 7.00pm**

Present: Chairman: Councillor K Budden
Parish Councillors: M. Archer, T Bell, M. Craddock, A. Kay, L Leak, P Wilson.
City Councillors: M. Thomas

Apologies: Parish Cllrs Bond, Ryan and Lomax.

OPEN FORUM

PACT (Police and Communities Together)

Crime figures for October and November 2017 were tabled; (**October**) 2 anti-social behaviour calls (7 x 2016) and 5 crimes recorded (9 x 2016). Violence / Sexual Offences x 3 (Merefell Road and Bye-Pass Road – unable to prosecute suspect – Whin Drive - investigation complete; no suspect identified); Burglary (Merefell Road – unable to prosecute suspect) and Other Theft (Brookfield Close – investigation complete – no suspect identified). (**November**) 4 anti-social behaviour calls (7 x 2016) and 12 crimes recorded (6 x 2016). Violence / Sexual Offences x 5 (Merefell Road and Chestnut Avenue – unable to prosecute suspect – Sports & Recreation Area x 2 – Under investigation (1) no suspect identified (1) Whin Drive - investigation complete; no suspect identified); Vehicle Crime (Merefell Road – under investigation); Other Theft x 2 (Church Brow Close – under investigation (1) no suspect identified (1); Criminal Damage and Arson x 3 (Ruskin Grove – under investigation, Sports & Recreation Area and Beech Tree Close – investigation complete – no suspect identified); Burglary (Mill Lane – under investigation).

Members questioned the wording “unable to prosecute suspect” and asked for an explanation.

Matters raised by City Council – Cllr Thomas reported on the District Local Plan but there are no issues of concern regarding Bolton-le-Sands.

Cllr Bell raised the question of the S106 monies relating to Education from the recent developments and Cllr Thomas was asked to chase up the works promised by the Community Pay Back Scheme.

To consider Lengthsman’s Report for December – Works completed:

- A new notice board has been erected on The Shore as well as a ‘No Overnight Parking’ sign.
- Leaves and weeds were cleared outside the Library before its opening.
- Trenches were dug to find the drainage system on the football field without success.
- Works ongoing at Thwaite Brow Woods where a dead elm tree was felled
- The toilets on the Main Street have now been cleared.
- The accessible toilet required a temperature control valve which has been fitted.
- Tried to fix new hinges to the gate on the canal to Town End without success.

Mike reported that a car caught fire on the car park and the tarmac has been damaged. The clerk will make the necessary enquiries.

With regards to the toilets on Main Road, it was stated that there is a certain amount of graffiti on the outside door. Mike was asked to paint over it before they are handed back to the council and that the outside railings be retained to stop any more vandalism.

Members discussed the issues of the football field and it was decided that it may benefit from being spiked. Cllr Craddock will liaise with Mike Ashton to assist in resolving the problems.

Environmental Matters

The Playground report from Lancaster City Council was tabled. Mike is to try to resolve as many issues as possible. Cllr Craddock will speak with Mike Ashton regarding the gate. In the meantime the Clerk will

contact Lancaster City Council regarding the inadequate signage and ask for their assistance in providing a sign under the current £100 contribution towards playground repairs.

Various pot holes were reported as well as overgrown hedges. The clerk will contact the Highways Department accordingly.

The chairman confirmed the Christmas tree has been taken down and it was agreed a donation be made to the Friends of Abbeyfield towards the cost of the electricity.

It was agreed that the bus shelters should be given their yearly maintenance check, repaired where possible, cleaned, painted inside with emulsion and outside with wood preservative. The contractor will also be asked to make a list of those that will need a major overhaul in the future.

To receive any Declarations of Interest – None.

Minutes – Cllr Craddock proposed the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December be accepted as a true record – seconded Cllr Bell.

7072 Any Matters arising from the Minutes:

Open Space Contribution – Cllr Leak tabled a proposed layout for the trim trail which everyone was in favour of and thanked her for all the work she has put into this project so far. Safety surfacing was discussed, and Cllr Craddock proposed that the parish council top-up any shortfall from the S106 monies to complete the job. It was further agreed that the Playground Group no longer be a member of Entrust.

Sports Pavilion – A full estimate for necessary works to the pavilion to comply with Fire Regulations was tabled amounting to £620.00. Works in the scout hut amounted to £195 and the pavilion £425. Cllr Craddock proposed that the works should be carried out as soon as possible and that the parish council should cover the works required within the scout hut on this occasion – seconded Cllr Archer – carried. Cllr Wilson will notify the Scouts of this decision and it is hoped that the parish council can be repaid in kind by the children in some way. It was further requested that the parish council has sight of the insurance certificate relating to the area used by the uniformed organisations.

7073 To receive Reports by Members – None

7074 Correspondence

Pre-School - Some of the Pre-school and Breakfast club children have planted some Oak trees from locally sourced seeds and asked if permission could be given to plant them in the playground area and local woodland. Members felt that the trees within the playground would be vulnerable and therefore suggested they be planted within the copse on School Croft.

Martin Yates – Emailed saying that there has been a noticeable increase in litter in the village recently and he wondered if the council is organising a litter clean-up event or something similar to sort out the problem? Cllr Wilson will speak with the Scouts on this matter.

Lancaster City Council – Invitation to the City Council's Budget & Performance Panel at Morecambe Town Hall on Tuesday 23rd January at 6.00pm.

Highways – Road closure Shore Lane from junction with Pasture Lane to Morecambe Lodge from 29th Jan to 16th Feb 2018.

7075 Accounts Payable

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

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount / Description
727	Free Gr. Sch.	£81.00 Rent
728	M. Ashton	£906.00 Parish Lengthsman / 3 parishes.
729	P. Bradley	£521.15 Clerk's salary + petty cash
730	HMRC	£52.20 PAYE
731	K. Budden	£50.00 Reimbursement for purchase of Christmas tree
732	A Swindlehurst	£200.00 Greensman
733	Village Hall	£132.59 Electricity for garage + toilet expenditure
734	Travis Perkins	£124.73 Misc repair materials
735	E J Ward	£642.69 Car Park at Red Bank re-instatement
736	Water Plus	£14.74 Final payment for village toilets
737	Nick Irlam	£108.00 Temperature valve at accessible toilet
739	Abbeyfield	£80.00 Donation for electricity used by Christmas lights

T & C Planning:

Application No. 17/01309/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear and side extension

Site Address: 60 Slyne Road, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: No objection but neighbours' comments to be taken into consideration.

Application No. 17/01440/OUT

Proposal: Outline application for the change of use of 2 existing barns into 1x2bed dwelling and 2x3bed dwellings, the erection of 2x3bed dwellings and a car port.

Address: Land adjacent to Hawkshead Farm, No. 1 The Nook, Bolton-le-Sands.

Comment: Members were concerned about access and egress to the site as it is in close proximity to the very busy junction and there are already highway issues relating to the school.

Application No. 17/01525/FUL

Proposal: Construction of a dormer extension to the front elevation

Address: 27 St Margaret's Road, Bolton-le-Sands.

Comment: No adverse comment.

Application No. 17/01529/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a replacement part two, part single storey rear extension

Address: 44 Main Road, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: No adverse comment

Application No. 18/00001/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of a 2-storey rear extension, conversion of garage to sitting room, single storey side extension, construction of 2 dormer extensions to the front elevation and raised decking to the rear.

Address: 11 St. Michael's Crescent, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: Whilst there was no objection to this application, concern was raised about the issue of parking with the loss of the garage and it was asked that neighbours' comments be taken into consideration.

Signed..... Chairman

5th February 2018