

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

Present: Chairman: Councillor K Budden
Parish Councillors: M. Archer, T. Bell, J. Bolton, M. Craddock, L. Leak, G. Parkinson, F. Ryan, and P. Wilson.
City Councillor: S. Rogerson
County Councillor: S. Morris
29 LG Electors

Apologies: None

OPEN FORUM

PACT (Police and Communities Together) – Crime figures for December were tabled: 3 Anti-social behaviour (7 in 2017) and 7 recorded crimes (8 in 2017) - Brookfield Close – Other theft (unable to prosecute suspect); Chestnut Avenue – Other Crime and Violent and Sexual Offence (both under investigation); Church Brow – Violent and Sexual Offence (unable to prosecute suspect); The Nook – Violent and Sexual Offence (under investigation); The Shore – Violent and Sexual Offence (under investigation); Whitendale Drive – Burglary (under investigation).

Matters raised by City and County Councillors Cllr Rogerson reported that the planning application for the proposed Co-op will be dealt with by the Planning Committee of the City Council. Cllr Bolton felt that a member of the parish council should attend. Cllr Rogerson will liaise with the Chairman to confirm whether it will be dealt with at the next Planning Committee meeting which is on the 4th of March. Cllr Morris is in contact with County Highways regarding Pasture Lane.

Matters raised by members of the public

Mr Robert Swain spoke of the 200th anniversary of the Lancaster Canal and felt that this village should commemorate it in some way. He suggested a one-hour guided walk which he would lead several times during the summer months starting at the car park.

Mr Malcolm Leak, Treasurer of the Bowling Club gave a ten-minute presentation on the advantages of the bowling club being solely responsible for the management of the greens. This matter had been discussed at their AGM and the motion was passed unanimously. Furthermore, a petition of 84 signatories signed. It was felt the current situation with a Bowling Greens Management Committee does not work and are asking for financial control, setting permit prices, management of the greenkeeper, purchase of all materials etc.

To consider Lengthsman's Report – Mike's report was tabled. He took down and removed the Christmas tree from Bolton Lodge and stored the lamps in the garage for another year. He repaired the door to the top bowling pavilion after a break-in. The litter bin at School Croft was emptied and a general litter pick of the field carried out. He met with the contractor for the felling of trees in the woods and carried out certain works to assist with the project. He also met with councillors and the electrician and arranged access for the works. He cut the long hedge opposite the War Memorial and picked litter from the base of it and removed the wreaths as well as cleared 3 bus shelters.

Other Environmental Issues:

- The hedge from Broadlands to the canal needs cutting back as it is overhanging the pavement.
- The pointing at the War Memorial has been damaged by frost.
- The linear drain in front of the car wash requires emptying as it is silted up.
- The linear drain outside Brookfield Surgery also requires emptying.

Cllr Budden reported on a recent Bonfire Committee meeting where it was agreed to cover the sand pit whilst the fireworks are being let off. Problems occur when bowlers are on the greens and sheeting the

greens is not possible. However, it has been established that the bowling club agrees that the greens should be closed from lunch-time on the day of the bonfire to the following morning to allow the greens to be sheeted in future. The matter of parking on the evening of the display is a problem and more involvement of the police is required.

Cllr Leak referenced the Lengthsman's report of September 2018 re the overseeding of the main bowling green. In view of the problems the contractor, hired by the Alan Swindlehurst, had with his machinery, she suggested that considering the cost of the hire and materials involved, a PC member of the Greens Management Committee inspect the green to determine if we have a satisfactory result.

After telephoning County Highways on more than one occasion, Cllr Leak has managed to get the flashing amber lights repaired.

The Dog Warden has received several complaints of dog fouling around the Sunnybank/Wordsworth areas. Cllrs Craddock and Parkinson will meet with Sarah Jones along with the clerk on Tuesday 5th.

To receive any Declarations of Interest – Cllrs Bolton, Leak and Parkinson (Min. No. 7165).

Minutes – Cllr Craddock proposed the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th January 2019 be accepted as a true record – seconded Cllr Parkinson – carried.

7163 Any Matters arising from the Minutes:

War Memorial Insurance Claim – The War Memorial's Trust advises that the sword should be replaced like-for-like and quotes are being sought. Drainage work has been agreed and should be carried out within the next two weeks.

Casual Vacancy – Lancaster City Council has been notified of the Casual Vacancy and it will be advertised in due course.

Morecambe Bay Partnership sign for the shore – The wording was agreed. A planning application has been submitted for the sculpture although the Environment Agency may want it moved away from the flood defence.

7164 To discuss the 200th Anniversary of the Lancaster Canal – Members were in full support of Mr Swain's suggestion and a small sub-committee of Cllrs Bolton and Wilson will take this forward. In the meantime, the clerk will liaise with the Canal and Rivers Trust to comply with their regulations. The clerk will also make enquiries as to when the bridge over the canal at St. Michael's Lane will be repaired.

7165 To consider a request from the Bowling Club Committee to allow Bolton-le-Sands Bowling Club the opportunity to be solely responsible for the management of the greens – This matter was moved into Committee to allow Cllrs Leak, Bolton and Parkinson who declared an interest to leave the building.

7166 To consider an irrigation system at the bowling greens – Re Min. 7165 this matter was deferred.

7167 To discuss the amenity area School Croft – Members were supportive of returning this field into an amenity area. The matter was deferred for Cllr Wilson to make further enquiries into the making of eco bricks to build a picnic area.

7168 To agree a date for the Parish Assembly – 28th March 2019.

7169 To Receive Reports by Members –

Village Hall Committee – The Minutes of the meeting held on 24th January were circulated previously detailing the new rates of hire for 2019. Cllr Bell confirmed it had a very good committee working for the good of the Hall and its users.

Sports Pavilion – Cllrs Leak and Archer attended a recent meeting where it was reported finances are good but there is little room for improvement due to the restrictions of use of the pavilion. It was felt the décor could be freshened up and will be looked at by the committee. However, the parish council agreed that it should be responsible for the payment of the electrical testing carried out recently.

7170 Correspondence:

Playground Report for December – was circulated and it was agreed that the stepping logs should be replaced. The remainder of the works highlighted are in hand.

Grounds Maintenance – City Council priced for the ground’s maintenance works for the forthcoming season and the council agreed to accept the price of £2895 on the proviso that a programme of works is received prior to the work commencing.

Bonfire Committee – A donation of £50 to the Bowling Greens Committee was received for use of the bowling pavilion on the day of the Firework Display.

Lancashire County Council – The access onto the canal from Coastal Road has been defined as a bridleway and will be shown as such on the definitive map.

Scope – Requested the parish council for assistance in siting one of its textile recycling banks. Cllr Budden did declare an interest at this point as it was felt with one being sited at Pre-School and one being sited at the school there was not the need for further banks.

Road Closure Notice – Bolton Lane from its junction with Main Road to Mount Pleasant Lane from 08.00 hrs on 19th February to 16.00 hrs 20th February 2019.

7171 To approve the transfer from the Reserve Account to the Current Account and to consider for approval the payment of the accounts.

Accounts Payable

Councillor Archer proposed the following accounts be paid. Seconded by Councillor Bell – carried.

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount / Description
860	M. Ashton.	£798.00 Parish Lengthsman x 3 parishes
861	P. Bradley	£591.08 Clerk’s Salary + petty cash
862	cancelled	
863	A Swindlehurst	£200.00 Greensman
864	HMRC	£67.80
865	L Belcher	£106.40 Reimbursement for the insurance with Zurich
866	PCC	£250.00 The Messenger
867	SLCC	£122.00 Subscription to Society of Local Clerks
868	Travis Perkins	£11.26 materials for repairs
869	Water Plus	£8.75 water charges at the bowling greens
870	Clarksons	£1856.07 electrical testing and replacement at the pavilions and garage

T & C Planning

Application No: 18/01625/FUL

Proposal: Installation of a sculpture with information panel

Site Address: The Shore, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: No adverse comment.

Application No: 19/00114/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of a two-storey rear extension.

Site Address: No. 10 Main Road, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: No adverse comment but that neighbours' comments be taken into consideration.

Items for the March Agenda

Cllr Bolton explained the difficulties those using the doctor's surgery face when parking after a deluge of rain and asked if the parish council could make enquiries as to whether something could be done to alleviate the problem of flooding.

IN COMMITTEE

7172 To consider a request from the Bowling Club Committee to allow Bolton-le-Sands Bowling Club the opportunity to be solely responsible for the management of the greens Members considered the proposal put forward by the Bowling Club but felt there was still room for discussion. It was therefore decided to again invite the 3 members of the Bowling Greens Committee from the Bowling Club to meet with the 3 representatives from the parish council to discuss this further.

Signed..... Chairman

4th March 2019