

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

Present: Chairman: Councillor K Budden
Parish Councillors: M. Archer, T. Bell, J. Bolton, M. Craddock, L. Leak, G. Parkinson, and P. Wilson.
City Councillor: S. Rogerson, M. Thomas, J. Wild
County Councillor: S. Morris
Brian Crawley – Thwaite Brow Group

Apologies: None

OPEN FORUM

PACT (Police and Communities Together) – Crime figures for January had not been released. Cllr Bolton questioned the high volume of violent and sexual offences recorded but was assured by the chairman that despite requests from the parish council, the police continue to put all offences relating to violence including small skirmishes, under one category.

Matters raised by City and County Councillors Cllr Rogerson reported that the planning application for the proposed Co-op was approved despite the objections raised by the local people but explained that from a planning perspective, there were no grounds on which it could have been refused. Cllr Wild informed members that a local resident may be considering closing the footpath that runs in front of his property in the light of this planning approval. Cllr Rogerson also reported on two complaints received from members of the parish, one about the strong smell of wood burners and the other about a wall that has collapsed. Cllr Wilson offered to inspect the wall. Cllr Morris explained that legislation is being considered regarding the burning of wood by Parliament. Cllr Morris also confirmed that the Budget has been passed by County.

Matters raised by members of the public – Brian Crawley of the Thwaite Brow Group gave an update on the Thwaite Brow Management Plan. The thinning operation has been proceeding well with only a few adverse comments. One load of approximately 20 tonnes of timber has been removed. It is envisaged that about three-quarters of the planned work will be completed this season. The remainder may be next winter. There was some vandalism when two of the wood filled baskets were pushed over. The proposed coppice coupe further up the wood will hopefully be cut in the next 2 – 3 weeks and the volunteers can continue with the fencing and tidying up. 11 new birdboxes with labels have been installed by the work party volunteers. Another 9 will be installed this coming week. He reported on a visit by Maxine Knagg, Tree Officer of Lancaster City Council who met with Rebecca Oaks (Agent) Louise Belcher and himself to discuss the Tree Preservation Order for the Crawstone Wood part of the project. She was happy with the proposed coppice coupe, but a tree works application must be submitted for the felling of some of the older trees in the plan.

The Chairman explained that the profits from the sale of the most recent book published on Bolton-le-Sands has been donated to various village projects. It is hoped that there will still be some money available which will soon be donated to the Group. Mr Crawley thanked the Chairman.

To consider Lengthsman's Report – Mike's report was tabled. Frosts caused problems at the end of January. Mike had to mend a burst pipe on the outer corner of the scout hut/sports pavilion. He also spread salt in the car park prior to the morning school run. As advised by the electricians, he bought and fitted a new outdoor bulkhead light fitting. He also worked on the PIR detector above the door to the pavilion. He met with Aqua Engineering and Principal Contacts must be appointed as a matter of urgency. Having made some bird boxes, the woodland volunteers helped to put them up, but more are needed. He bought and fitted some metal "kick panels" to the changing room doors in the sports pavilion. He also checked on the rubber surface on the Trim Trail from time to time. With the chairman's help, he took down the goal posts and put them away for the summer. After an aborted first attempt, he borrowed a lawn tractor and rolled the football pitch. He also continued with the ever-increasing litter picking. The hydraulic gate closer at the

play area is not working but he has got the matter in hand. Finally, with the help of Cllr Craddock he filled the holes on the flood embankment on the shore as they were substantial and needed urgent attention.

To consider arrangements for the spraying of Plantain on the Recreation Fields – Mike Ashton offered to spray the field for plantain. In view of the difficulty in planning this work for a contractor, it was decided to let Mike carry out the work and order the necessary chemicals. Cllr Leak reminded members that the benches and picnic tables require wood preservative painting on them, and this would be a good time to do that work.

Principal Contacts for the Legionella Documentation – Cllr Bell proposed that the Parish Council is the Duty Holder, Mike Ashton is the Appointed Responsible Person with Cllr Archer as Deputy and the clerk is Principal Site Contact. Seconded Cllr Craddock – carried.

Other Environmental Issues:

The Chairman is in the process of organising the Beach Cleans for this coming season. The first of which is at Hest Bank on the 16th of March. He asked the council if it would consider donating towards the cost of bags for this purpose. Cllr Archer proposed that a cheque be drawn in the sum of £31.88 to cover the cost of same. Seconded Cllr Parkinson – carried.

The overgrown hedges along Broadlands and the linear drain outside Brookfield Surgery were reported to County Highways who will deal with both matters in due course. It was also confirmed that the breaking up of Pasture Lane will be repaired within the next 4-6 weeks.

Cllr Leak is in discussion with City Council regarding the stepping logs at the Play Area.

Cllr Bolton expressed her concern at the on-going flooding in the car park at Brookfield Surgery. The clerk contacted Ash Trees who responded by saying that they appreciate the inconvenience this causes to their patients and staff. Unfortunately, any enquiries as to a solution have, to date, been unsuccessful due to the enormity of the project and inhibitive cost. The drain is cleared periodically and will continue to do so.

The sleepers along the footpath from St. Michael's Lane to Mill Lane require replacing and the clerk will forward this request to Cllr Morris for action by the necessary department.

To receive any Declarations of Interest – Cllrs Bolton, Leak and Parkinson (Min. No.7180). Cllr Budden (Min No. 7178 Bonfire Committee).

Minutes – Cllr Parkinson proposed the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th February 2019 be accepted as a true record – seconded Cllr Craddock – carried.

7173 Any Matters arising from the Minutes:

War Memorial Insurance Claim – The Clerk reported that McGaffigan's have offered to donate the replacement sword free of charge in the meantime quotations have been sought for a replacement bronze one.

7174 To report on the commemorations for the 200th Anniversary of the Lancaster Canal – The clerk reported that she has been in contact with Robert Swain and made the first application to the Canal and Rivers Trust.

7175 To discuss the amenity area School Croft – Cllr Wilson has suggested a very innovative idea of using Ecobricks to build a picnic area. This is something the school is doing, and he will approach the School to confirm they are happy for this project to go ahead. He explained that Ecobricks are plastic bottles that are filled with unrecyclable plastics which can be used in building projects. Council was very impressed with this idea and Cllr Wilson will take this further.

7176 Parish Assembly – 28th March 2019. – Cllrs Leak and Wilson gave their apologies. All in hand.

7177 To Receive Reports by Members –

The Chairman reported on a Greens Management Committee meeting where it was agreed permit prices would remain the same and Alan is working towards opening No. 1 Green around the 23rd March weather permitting.

Cllr Craddock reported on a meeting he, along with Cllr Parkinson and the clerk had with the Dog Warden to talk about the on-going problem of dog fouling around the streets of the village. The Dog Warden has been invited to speak at the Parish Assembly as it is very difficult to catch the culprits and will be asking for help from the public.

The Chairman reported on a discussion he has had with a representative of Jubilee Garage where it was confirmed the drain is still silted up, but action will be taken by them to resolve it.

7178 Correspondence:

Rinicom requested permission to continue flying drones from Morecambe Lodge for a further year. Cllr Craddock proposed permission be granted – seconded Cllr Parkinson – carried

Tennis Club – requested permission to incorporate the parish crest on a design to go onto a club sweatshirt. Cllr Parkinson proposed permission be granted – seconded Cllr Bolton – carried

2019 Elections – Briefings for potential candidates and agents will take place on Wednesday March 6 at Lancaster Town Hall and Monday March 11 at Morecambe Town Hall. Both start at 7pm and details of the election process will be explained.

Memorial Bench – A request to site a memorial bench on the shore at Red Bank was considered. Members agreed in principle dependent upon a suitable site to be agreed upon.

Bonfire & Firework Display – Cllr Budden declared an interest and Cllr Archer took the chair. A request to use the playing field Saturday 2nd November for the annual firework display was tabled. Provided all conditions are met members agreed unanimously.

7179 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
871	M. Ashton.	£862.65 Parish Lengthsman x 3 parishes + petty cash
872	P. Bradley	£669.10 Clerk's Salary + petty cash
873	HMRC	£67.60 PAYE
874	K Budden	£31.88 Rubbish bags for Beach Cleans
875	Bowling Club	£100.00 Mike Rigby Tournament
876	Broxap	£432.00 Waste Bin
877	E & MA Burrow	£82.50 Hedgecutting
878	K G Loach	£1307.72 Bowling green materials
879	Quadriga	£990.00 Drainage works at the war memorial
880/1	Signs Express	£228.77 & £277.44 Signs for the shore and plaque
882	Travis Perkins	£10.13 Rocksalt

T & C Planning

Application No: 19/00169/FUL

Proposal: Construction of a dormer extension to the front and rear elevation, erection of single storey side extension and erection of a single storey side/rear extension adjoining the existing garage

Site Address: 26 Windermere Road, Bolton-le-Sands

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

Application No: 19/00143/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a two-storey front extension.

Site Address: 72 Sunnybank Road, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: No adverse comment.

Application No: 19/00196/FUL

Proposal: Erection of a two-storey side extension incorporating a Juliet balcony and rooflight, construction of a stone wall to the rear, creation of a new driveway.

Site Address: 12 St Michael's Lane, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: No adverse comment.

IN COMMITTEE

7180 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

Councillors Leak, Bolton and Parkinson declared an interest and left the room. The matter was fully discussed, and it was unanimously agreed that there was still merit in a Management Committee. It was felt that a re-formed Committee would give a better working relationship and would benefit both the parish council and the bowling club. This proposal would be given to the Club Chairman the following day. It was felt that this new Committee would decide on the frequency of meetings etc but also to look at the provision of an irrigation system.

Signed..... Chairman

1st April 2019