

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BOLTON-LE-SANDS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
On MONDAY 1st APRIL at 7.00pm**

Present: Chairman: Councillor K Budden
Parish Councillors: M. Archer, T. Bell, L. Leak, G. Parkinson, and P. Wilson.
City Councillors: S. Rogerson, M. Thomas, J. Wild
County Councillor: S. Morris

Apologies: Parish Councillors Craddock and Ryan

OPEN FORUM

PACT (Police and Communities Together) – Crime figures for January were tabled: 5 Anti-social behaviour (3 in 2018) and 12 crimes recorded (14 in 2018). Burglary (The Shore) – under investigation; Other Crime x 2 (Whin Drive) – formal action is not in the public interest; Other Theft (Brookfield Close) – unable to prosecute suspect; Vehicle Crime (Canal Gardens) – under investigation; Violent & Sexual Offences x 4 (Brookfield Close, Windermere Road, Church Brow Close) – under investigation (Church Brow) – unable to prosecute suspect; Other theft x 2 (Greenwood Avenue) – under investigation and unable to prosecute suspect.

Matters raised by City and County Councillors – Cllr Morris reported that signs for the bridge across the canal at St. Michael's Lane have been agreed by the Canal and Rivers Trust and he will liaise with the Highways Department accordingly. In the meantime, bridge repairs are on-going. The Chairman thanked the City and County Councillors for their support and a special thank you to Cllr Rogerson who will not be standing for election this year.

To consider Lengthsman's Report –

- a) Brash from the pruning of the bottom branches of the cherry trees on Whin Grove was removed to tip.
- b) The new litter bin has been installed.
- c) Litter pick carried out in the woods.
- d) Seat from the end of the zip wire had been removed but was found on top of the shelter and re-installed.
- e) With the help of the volunteers the bird boxes were installed.
- f) Door lock on the bowling pavilion was repaired.
- g) Beer bottles around the play area is an issue. Broken glass was removed from the trim trail. The clerk was directed to notify the police.

Mike requested the parish council to consider allowing him the opportunity to hand out fixed penalty notices to those responsible for dog fouling and offered to go on any training required. Cllr Parkinson supported this motion, Cllr Bell seconded – all in favour.

Other Environmental Issues:

2 no. street lights were reported not working and the double yellow lines through the village to be re-painted.

To receive any Declarations of Interest – None

Minutes – Cllr Wilson proposed the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2019 be accepted as a true record – seconded Cllr Bell – carried.

7181 Any Matters arising from the Minutes:

War Memorial Insurance Claim – Still awaiting quotes.

7182 Bowling Greens – Cllr Leak questioned the decision made by the parish councillors eligible to discuss the request by the Club to take over control of the management of the greens. The chairman gave Cllr Leak ten minutes of council time and that she had no right to question the decision. No further discussion took place. The parish council is looking into further discussions with the bowling club. The bowling club did respond to the parish council's letter suggesting that the greens remain under the management of a Green's Committee, however members of the Bowling Club Committee refused to be part of this Green's Committee and felt that the club has no relationship with the Parish Council except on a formal footing. Members were disappointed by this response and directed the clerk to contact the Chairman of the Club to try to re-build those bridges.

STRI would like to visit and inspect the greens week commencing 16th April. Cllrs Archer, Bell and Budden to attend.

The bowling club asked permission to close the gate within the car park cordoning off the bowling pavilion area as there have been times when cars turning in the area have damaged parked vehicles. The request was to display a sign reducing the chances of this occurring on each Monday and Thursday afternoons and alternate Wednesdays between the hours of 14.15 and 15.30 during April, May, June, July and August. Cllr Archer proposed that this request be granted on the days and times specified for a trial period for both sides to evaluate the situation – seconded Cllr Bell – carried with 1 against.

The lock on the main pavilion door may need replacing and in view of the fact that 70+ members have keys, this will be an expensive and onerous task. Cllr Bell gave the clerk the name of a local locksmith for advice on the best way to tackle this problem.

The Bonfire and Firework Committee have discussed the covering of the greens during the display and asked for suggestions regarding this. Cllr Archer will liaise.

7183 To consider an irrigation system at the bowling greens – Deferred.

7184 To report on the commemorations for the 200th Anniversary of the Lancaster Canal – Deferred

7185 To discuss the amenity area School Croft – Members were extremely impressed with this idea and Cllr Wilson will take this forward and devise a strategy. In the meantime, the clerk will write the Headteacher of the Primary School who came up with the idea in the first place.

7186 Matters Arising from the Parish Assembly – At the parish assembly members of the public brought to the attention of the parish council various street problems which will be forwarded to the various local authority departments to be dealt with.

7187 To Receive Reports by Members – The plaque recognizing the work John Sparks did for the provision of the sports pavilion was shown to members. Cllr Archer will liaise with representatives of the Scouts regarding its placement.

7188 Correspondence:

The various electrical certificates have been received highlighting several items for attention. The clerk was directed to obtain a quote for this work.

A request to use the football pitch for rugby training with young people was received, however more information is required before a decision can be made.

7189 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
883	M. Ashton.	£1513.00 Parish Lengthsman x 3 parishes + bird boxes
884	P. Bradley	£628.60 Clerk's Salary + petty cash
885	HMRC	£67.60 PAYE
886	A Swindlehurst	£200.00 Greensman
887	Travis Perkins	£39.29 Wood and slab
888	OBS	£81.00 Room hire

T & C Planning

Application No: 19/00200/FUL

Proposal: Retrospective application for the retention of a single storey rear extension

Site Address: 13 The Rise, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: No adverse comment.

Application No: 19/00220/VCN

Proposal: Variation to condition 2 on planning permission 01/86/976 to site static caravans on part of field 8630 currently used for touring caravans

Site Address: Sandside Caravan Park, St. Michael's Lane, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: No objection.

Signed..... Chairman

13th May 2019