

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

Present: Chairman: Councillor K Budden
Parish Councillors: M. Archer, T. Bell, J. Bolton, G. Parkinson.
City Councillors: M. Thomas, J. Wild
County Councillor: S. Morris
1 L.G. Elector

Apologies: Cllr Leak & Cllr Wilson

OPEN FORUM

PACT (Police and Communities Together) – Crime figures for April 2019 were tabled; 8 anti-social behaviour calls (5 in 2018) and 16 crimes recorded (7 in 2018) – Burglary x 2 (The Shore and Slyne Road under investigation); Criminal Damage & Arson x 3 (Whin Avenue, Monkswell Avenue and Packet Lane - under investigation); Other Theft x 4 (Cavendish Court – investigation complete, no suspect identified, Church Brow Close, Greenwood Avenue and Petrol Station Coastal Road under investigation); Vehicle Crime x 4 (Merefell Road, Meadow Drive, Coastal Road and Packet Lane – under investigation); Violent & Sexual Offences x 2 (The Green and Whitendale Drive - under investigation); Other Crime (The Green under investigation).

PCSO Paul Shepherd is to be invited to the September meeting.

Matters raised by City and County Councillors –

Cllr Morris will continue to put pressure on County Highways to stop heavy goods vehicles from accessing the village via St. Michael's Lane. He has been in contact with the Spar who have confirmed that 6 designated drivers have been allocated to this area and have been told not to use the bridge.

Cllr Bell raised the issue of forecourt parking outside No. 1 Whin Grove and Cllr Morris will make enquiries.

To consider Lengthsman's Report

- Weed spraying has continued.
- He chased the sheep out of School Croft for a second time and using some old netting, managed to make good an old gate where they have been coming in. Gaps have been filled after previous visits by the sheep, but they keep finding other weak points. The fence is in generally good condition, but Mike recently knocked some more posts in and repaired the fence at a different point.
- The school path was cleared
- The play area has been cut
- Eight fence posts were purchased to enable the Thwaite Brow Volunteers to start re-instating the fences taken down to facilitate tree felling. A charcoal burn was carried out to get rid of the larger brush left by the contractor. Cllr Budden and Mike cleared rubbish from the woods.
- To enable BT to repair the telephone line at Pre-School, Mike cleared around the telegraph pole to enable them to carry out some tests. The large ash tree was also pruned to enable them to thread a new cable through.
- He ran a pre-organised Beach Clean at Morecambe Lodge which was successful.
- Mill Lane path was cut again and brambles cut back as well as all the usual grass cutting areas and litter picking.
- Weeds were sprayed along the Jubilee garage path, pinfold, bus stop and some of Brookfield area.

It was felt that the responsibility for the stock fence should remain with the farmer concerned and the clerk was directed to write to this effect.

Other Environmental Issues:

- Footpath from Mill Lane to Sandside Caravan Park is completely overgrown. Mike Ashton to make a report to forward to Public Rights of Way.

To receive any Declarations of Interest – None

Minutes - The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2019 were accepted as a true record. Proposed Cllr Bell – seconded Cllr Archer.

7206 Any Matters arising from the Minutes:

Sword Replacement – Cllr Budden will provide the dimensions

War Memorial Completion works – The clerk is awaiting an update from the Architect.

7207 To receive reports by members

Bowling Greens Management Committee – Following the first of the new Greens Management Committee meetings, the Bowling Club members were invited to work with the parish council and this matter was put to the Bowling Club Committee at its recent meeting. However, the Club is steadfast in their opinion to manage the greens, but they do appreciate there needs to be dialogue between the Club and Greens Committee so has offered to meet with the parish council when requested. Members of the parish council agreed that a Greens Committee is the way forward and the three representatives from the parish council will deal with all matters relating to the greens.

School Croft Project – In his absence, Cllr Wilson asked for a drop of time for the eco bricks to be arranged as there is considerable interest. Mike Ashton to be consulted.

7207 Correspondence

Bolton-le-Sands Bowling Club – is considering a project for the forthcoming year and is considering a shelter measuring approx. 5 ft x 15 ft for scoring / viewing. It will have wheelchair access and to be sited on the playground side of the main green. It will be fully funded by the Bowling Club. Members considered this request but felt more information is needed as to its construction.

Bolton-le-Sands Bowling Club – approached the parish council to continue supporting the Mike Rigby Open Pairs Competition. **It was resolved that the parish council will continue to support this charitable event for a further four years and pledged £100 per year.**

Gala Committee thanked the parish council for its support this year and requested the use of the playing fields for Saturday 13th June 2020 for the village gala. **It was resolved that permission be granted.**

Community Emergency Plan – In 2016 discussions between this parish council and Mark Bartlett of Lancaster City Council about the possibility of an emergency plan for Bolton-le-Sands took place.. Unfortunately, at the time there was no community up-take on this, and no further action taken. The clerk has been in contact with the Emergency Fire and Rescue Service for their advice, but no community-based plan is in place. It was not something members felt could be easily organised in this village, but Cllr Budden will make contact with the local church for feedback.

M6 J34 to Burton Services – Notification was received of intended motorway works where the surface will be re-laid from J34 to Burton Services in September of this year. Members suggested this notification be forwarded to Cllr Morris to ensure no other works are going ahead on the diversionary route at the same time.

Top Dog Events requested use of the recreation field, but more information is required.

7208 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
909	Border Agg.	£151.20 Top Dressing
910	M. Ashton.	£1024.33 Parish Lengthsman x 3 parishes + fence posts
911	P. Bradley	£661.66 Clerk’s Salary + petty cash
912	HMRC	£61.80 PAYE
913	A Swindlehurst	£200.00 Greensman
914	STRI	£90.58 Travelling expenses for Agronomist
915	Village Hall	£281.23 Electricity in the garage plus Consumables and contract for toilet

T & C Planning

Application No: 19/00594/VCN

Proposal: Variation to plots 11 & 12 on the development of 20 dwellings

Site Address: Land east of railway line, St. Michael’s Lane, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: No adverse comment

Signed..... Chairman

2nd September 2019