

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BOLTON-LE-SANDS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
On MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2019 at 7.00pm**

Present: Chairman: Councillor K Budden
Parish Councillors: M. Archer, T. Bell, J. Bolton, P. Kitching, L. Leak, G. Parkinson, P Wilson.

OPEN FORUM

PACT (Police and Communities Together) – Crime figures for October 2019 were tabled;

3 anti-social behaviour calls (1 in 2018) and 15 crimes recorded (10 in 2018) – Burglary x 6 – Mill Lane, Lowlands Road, Meadow Drive x 2, Wordsworth Avenue – all under investigation; Meadow Drive – awaiting court outcome. Vehicle Crime – The Green - under investigation. Violence and Sexual Offences x 7 – Whin Drive, Keats Avenue, St Michael’s Place, Coastal Road, Ash Tree Grove, Cherry Tree Close x 2 - all under investigation. Criminal Damage and Arson – Cherry Tree Close – under investigation.

Matter raised by members of the public

Representatives from the Bowling Club attended to answer questions on the proposed new shelter. It was explained that the project is supported by every member of the Club and the question of shading on the green would not occur.

Matters raised by County and City Councillors – Cllr Budden reported that numerous complaints are being received regarding traffic problems on the railway bridge at Mill Lane and the clerk was directed to write to Cllr Morris explaining that the complaints refer to the signage and a suggestion of traffic lights could be considered.

To consider Lengthsman’s Report

- Extra session in the woods with some volunteers to clear a lot of dead branches.
- Cleared the garage to be able to work on a bench back rest.
- Stripped the broken bench back rest on the seat at the bowling greens, stained and varnished it. It still requires another coat before installing it.
- Roofing felt was purchased from Morecambe.
- The irrigation system at the bowling green has been found to have a leak. *(It was reported that the contractor has looked at the problem and for the time being the system has been drained down and he will check the joints next spring).*
- The regular second Sunday work party took place and the posts for a squeeze stile and a fence at the top of the wood were dug in. A large hurdle was made with rustic poles to act as a fixed yet removable barrier.
- A grab rail was installed in the doorway of the pavilion at the bowling green to aid members negotiating the steps into the building.

Environmental Matters

Chase United Utilities to replace/repair the fencing around the sub-station.

Discuss the fencing at School Croft with Mike Ashton and Chris Alty.

Chase the hedge cutting along Slyne Road.

Pot holes along Packet Lane.

To receive any Declarations of Interest – None

Minutes – The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November were accepted. Proposed Cllr Parkinson – seconded Cllr Bolton.

7244 Any Matters arising from the Minutes:

Adoption of the Payphone for use as a defibrillator housing – Deferred

Casual Vacancy – Deferred

Cameras under the canopy opposite the accessible toilet – Mike has tried to speak with the contractor to no avail as he seems to be spending a lot of time on holiday.

7245 To receive reports by members –

Cllr Parkinson reported on a meeting he, Cllr Budden and the Clerk attended at the war memorial with the contractor Quadriga and Architect to discuss the pointing of the flagged area. Quadriga has agreed to come back in better weather and do the work again but with supervision. Cllr Parkinson will oversee.

A site meeting took place at the recreation area with representatives from City Council to discuss the standard of mowing this season and a contract for next season. It was agreed the clerk would receive an e-mail stating what work has been done and will work with the Lengthsman to ensure smooth running of the contract. It was also suggested within re-organisation, there will be a team for the rural area. Meanwhile the clerk will make enquiries regarding refilling the chippings and sand where necessary.

The clerk was asked to chase up the works required on the circuit board in the Sports Pavilion. The Scouts have employed a cleaner to clean the kitchen and toilets. The visor is missing on the floodlights (*top left-hand light*). The lines are to be repainted on the tennis courts wider and in the interim, contact Hest Bank Tennis Club regarding a spray service. A flag is missing on the steps.

7246 Correspondence

A letter received from a resident of Morecambe was tabled complaining about a pothole on the access road to Archer's Farm and the damage to his tyre. The parish council has no responsibility for the maintenance of that road and therefore it was felt no further action should be taken.

A letter of thanks received from the Sports Pavilion for the donation made.

7247 To consider for approval the payment of the accounts.

Accounts Payable

Councillor Parkinson proposed the following accounts be paid. Seconded by Councillor Bell – carried. Chq. No 948 Mal Garnett - Printing of Remembrance Sheets (Was Authorised).

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount / Description
951	M. Ashton.	£815.00 Parish Lengthsman x 3 parishes
952	P. Bradley	£630.63 Clerk's Salary + petty cash
953	HMRC	£61.80 PAYE
954	A Swindlehurst	£200.00 Greensman
955	K Budden	£50.00 Xmas tree
956	Water Plus	£25.02 Water charges Bowling Greens
957	Travis Perkins	£62.23 Grab rail and wood

IN COMMITTEE

7248 To discuss the Budget requirements for 2020/2021

Members were disappointed that the Tax Base has reduced and asked the clerk to confirm that the 77 new houses on Coastal Road have been included within the figures. A decision will be made in January 2020.

7249 Request by the Bowling Club to erect a Scoring Shelter at the Bowling Greens

The request was fully discussed. Cllr Budden proposed that permission should not be given for the shelter to be built – Seconded Cllr Kitching. Cllr Archer put forward an Amendment to this proposal that it goes ahead if there is no shading to the greens and the design is more aesthetically pleasing. A vote took place for that Amendment: 3 For, 2 Against. Cllr Leak was told by the Chair that she was not allowed to vote, Cllr Parkinson declared an interest at the start of the discussion and Cllr Bolton did not take part in the voting.

Signed..... Chairman

2nd December 2019