

Bolton le Sands Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st February 2021 at 7pm by Zoom Video Communication.

Present: Cllr Archer, Cllr Bell, Cllr Bolton, Cllr Budden, Cllr Chaplin, Cllr Fothergill, Cllr Kitching, Cllr Leak, Cllr Parkinson and Cllr Wilson.

Open forum

No parishioners were present.

1/21 Apologies

None.

2/21 Declarations of interests.

Cllr Fothergill declared an interest in planning application 20/01445/FUL as a neighbour of the applicant.

Cllr Bolton and Cllr Parkinson declared an interest in any agenda item regarding the bowling club as members of the club.

3/21 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on the Monday 4th January 2021.

The minutes were approved as a correct record and will be signed by the chairman at the next physical meeting.

Proposed Cllr Bell.

Seconded Cllr Archer.

4/21 To receive the report from Mr Mike Ashton – village contractor / lengthsman.

A stainless-steel cover to shield the door catch has been fixed to the vandalised toilet door.

Old timber from the bowling green edge has been taken to the White Lund depot for disposal.

Litter-picking and disposal of the Christmas Tree.

5/21 To consider the replacement of the broken stile with a kissing gate.

Cllr Budden and Cllr Archer will have a meeting (in line with social distancing rules) on site to look at the stile.

6/21 To consider the update of the proposal for teenage facilities in the village and approve the poster.

Cllr Chaplin had circulated a draft poster to all councillors prior to the meeting. It was decided to take off the suggestions and leave it open for the residents to decide what facilities they would like.

The poster will be placed on the noticeboards, website and Facebook. The deadline for responses will be the end of February to allow the suggestions to be collated for the March meeting.

7/21 To consider the payment for the domain renewal £16.00 and the donation to Abbeyfield £100.00.

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Archer.

Seconded by Cllr Wilson.

8/21 Finance.

To consider and approve the following items for payment.

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman	£525.00
Cheque	G Mason – Locum Clerk	January wages	£624.00
Cheque	G Mason / Data solutions	Website domain reimbursement	£16.00
Cheque	Alan Swindlehurst	Green Keeper	£200.00
Cheque	Abbeyfield	Donation	£100.00
Cheque	E & MA Burrow	Hedge strimming	£82.50

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Archer.

Seconded by Cllr Fothergill.

9/21 To receive an update on the migration of documents on the current website and review the proposed improvements to the website and social media platforms.

The documents have been migrated onto the new website. Cllr Chaplin had circulated suggestions for updating the website.

The clerk was asked to enquire where the contact form information is sent to once it is submitted and also ask about administrative access to the website to upload documents and updates.

10/21 Planning matters and applications.

20/01445/FUL Proposal : Erection of a replacement garage. For : Mr Butterworth Site Address : 43 Pinewood Avenue, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8AR.

No observations.

20/01183/FUL Proposal : Construction of a raised replacement roof, erection of a front porch and insertion of a window to the North elevation For : Mr Lawrence Young Site Address : 14 Clarksfield Road, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8JE.

The parish council support the change in application from an access door to the flat roof to a window.

20/00033/ENF Appeal By: Mrs Dawn Mason Appeal Description: Appeal against Site Address Thwaite End Barn, Main Road, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire.

No observations.

11/21 To consider the update regarding the reinstatement of Footpath 9.

No update.

12/21 To receive an update on the planting of trees in the parish including sites and species of trees.

Parishioners will be asked if they would like to plant a tree on their land and be part of the project.

The View Bay Garden Centre have offered support for the initiative. The WI have two oak trees that could be planted if a site could be found.

13/21 To consider the STRI renewal fee for the bowling green maintenance report.

It was resolved that the parish council suspend the STRI renewal for the foreseeable future.

Proposed by Cllr Archer.

Seconded by Cllr Wilson.

14/21 To consider the proposals from the Greens Committee and review the Terms of Reference.

It was resolved that the parish council adopt the proposals from the Greens Committee which are:

- The provisional date of the 27th March 2021 will be given for the opening of the bowling green (subject to Covid 19 conditions).

- A full permit will be charged at £40 for the year 2021/2022 for all bowlers.
- The permits will then revert back to last year's prices of £33 and £47 for the year 2022/2023.

Proposed by Cllr Archer.

Seconded by Cllr Wilson.

(7 in favour / 2 abstentions / 1 against)

15/21 To consider the information on 'claiming back our pavements'.

It was resolved that the lengthsman will clear the pavements of debris and mulch from the post box on Broadlands to Shady Lane on both sides.

The lengthsman's weekly hours will be used to complete the works.

Proposed by Cllr Bolton.

Seconded by Cllr Fothergill.

16/21 Reports and correspondence received (reference only - councillors are asked to submit any reports or correspondence to the clerk before the meeting)

Correspondence from the WI regarding tree planting.

Correspondence regarding the bronze cross measurements.

17/21 Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday 1st March 2021.

The meeting closed at 9.39pm

Update

- The bowling green secretary has been notified of the provisional start date and prices for permits.
- The website contact form submissions are now being sent straight to the clerk's email.
- Two residents have concerns over the flooding (email and phone call received)

Dear Parish Council

I have an issue I wish you to consider and respond to. As a BLS resident I very frequently walk down Mill Lane to the shore, as do very many others and a large number of visitors. The owners of the large field on the shore side of Bay View Garden Centre (I assume Wild Duck Hall) have for quite some time now, ensured two drainage channels dug from their field drain water onto the shore road. This has massively increased the amount of water that pools at the point these two channels feed off from their field. It is now a significant water obstacle to be faced by all who go that way virtually daily. This is particularly irksome as less than a year ago Lancaster City Council spent a week cleaning out the dykes on the opposite side of the field close to Wild Duck Hall, I guess as a local Council Tax payer, I along with many others contributed to the cost of that work, which must have been considerable given the time it took and the equipment costs.

In the cold and wet weather recently, the large pooling of water near the two channels has on occasions been frozen and therefore a slip hazard to all people and cars passing that way and at other times it has been very deep water - well over 4 inches this week!

To make matters much worse and indeed to add insult to injury, the field owners have this week placed a very thick Tar / Grease like substance over the fencing posts close to this ponding water. This is no doubt because people who are avoiding the water (there BECAUSE of the two drainage channels) try to navigate around the side and will on occasions grab the posts.

I find this astonishing that someone can drain their land onto a public road, thus causing such a hazard and a nuisance to so many people every day and then seek to tar/grease those unfortunate individuals who may grab a post.

I have lived in this village for 59 years and this is the first time I have ever made such a complaint. I am personally furious about this situation and seek a response from yourselves as to what might be done.

In a few months (post Covid) holiday makers will return to Holgates and local residents will get to the shore more frequently. I can assure you that I am not the only person very angry about this abuse of a landowning privilege. I spoke to two local ladies yesterday who were equally upset.

I have taken photographs of the drainage ditches and the posts yesterday to provide hard evidence of this situation.

You have a March meeting coming up in a few weeks and I would like this to be discussed. If necessary I am prepared to attend that meeting.

These are suggestions from residents regarding facilities:

In reply to your facebook post regarding "what facilities would you like to see in the village", I hope that you dont mind me making a suggestion; I think a "Welcome Pack" might be useful for newcomers to the village, especially in these strange times.

My husband and I moved here in the last lockdown and are obviously keen to find out about the village, village life and who to contact regarding clubs etc, however, it is quite difficult to find information, especially during a lockdown

I understand that this might be an onerous task in such a large village, but i think it may be worth some consideration. In fact I would be willing to help someone with this. It wouldnt even have to be a hard copy, perhaps an online list of contacts etc.

We are looking forward to meeting up with our fellow villagers in due course.

Following on from your post on FB local group.

I would like the wooden posts in the kids park replaced. My toddler loves walking on top of them but half are damaged quite badly.

Outdoor exercise equipment in the field would also be good. Many places now have.

A one way driving system.

A pedestrian crossing across A6 opposite ETTY LILY.

I feel more bins are needed. There is a lot more rubbish around the village. This makes the village look like a not very nice place and so people won't care if they drop litter.

I feel more flowers and foliage around the village would make the village look more like a community than some houses that are grouped together on the A6.

Maybe a map of the village at key places. Showing the village.

Community Speed Camera

Flashing speed camera on A6 south end of village like the one at Crag Bank

Signs on the canal towpath reminding cyclists to ride slowly and use their bell which never seems to happen

Community Orchard if there is spare space somewhere?

I think a nice cafe on the site of the spar shop would be excellent and a great community asset