

Bolton le Sands Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st March 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.

Gill Mason – Locum clerk.

Three members of the public.

Open forum

The following items were raised by members of the public:

The floods at Mill Lane are not due to tidal flooding. It is impassable for pedestrians to walk along the lane if they're not wearing boots or wellies. There are channels from the field that are taking the water off the field onto the road. The resident requested that the parish council follow up this ongoing problem.

The Bay Garden Centre has donated two trees to the 'Plant a million trees' Woodland Trust initiative. The resident that attended the meeting will organise a free raffle for parishioners to win a tree to plant. The school has been contacted to see if they will be planting any trees with the children but there has been no reply.

18/21 Apologies

None.

19/21 Declarations of interests.

None.

20/21 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 Bolton.

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

The report was circulated to all councillors. The footpaths have been cleared of mulch and debris which has allowed pedestrians to use the pavement safely.

The clerk was asked to contact Lancaster City Council regarding the hedge cutting and collection of clippings on Broadlands.

22/21 To consider the replacement of the broken stile with a kissing gate.

The clerk was asked to contact PROW to request a site visit to see if a gate can be installed on the right of way.

23/21 To consider the finance performance against budget report.

The clerk has circulated the finance report to all councillors. There is an overspend for this financial year.

The clerk advised that all procurement should be made by the parish council not the contractors.

24/21 To consider the update of the proposal for teenage facilities in the village.

The parish council have had a good response from the community on facilities for the village. The clerk was asked to contact the Old Boys School to enquire whether the leased land could be used for a bike / pump track.

It was resolved that Cllr Leak apply for a grant for the Teen Shelter.

Proposed by Cllr Leak.

Seconded by Cllr Chaplin.

8 support : 2 against.

25/21 Finance.**To consider and approve the following items for payment.**

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman	£948.20
Cheque	G Mason – Locum Clerk	February wages	£624.00
Cheque	Alan Swindlehurst	Green Keeper	£200.00
Cheque	Travis Perkins	Materials	£86.50
Cheque	Lancashire Data solutions	Website update	£120.00
Cheque	Lancashire Data solutions	Domain Hosting	£93.60
Cheque	G Mason -Locum Clerk	Three months office expenses	£45.00
Cheque	KG Loach	Bowling Green	£823.32
Cheque	PKF Littlejohn	External auditors	£240.00

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Budden.

Seconded by Cllr Bell.

26/21 To consider the request to use the community football pitch on a rotation basis.

It was resolved that the parish council would prefer not to have any new teams using the pitch due to the wear & tear and maintenance costs that may arise. There are two teams already using the facilities on a rotation basis.

27/21 To consider the tenders and costs of resurfacing the tennis court.

The clerk was asked to contact three contractors to ask them to tender for the tarmacing of the court.

28/21 Planning matters and applications.

21/00164/FUL Proposal : Erection of a single storey side extension Site Address : 15 Chestnut Avenue, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8HD.

The parish council has no observations.

21/0019/TPO Proposal : T1 (Sycamore) - Crown reduce by no more than 3m all round. Remove the bottom branches growing over the neighbours property and 1 low branch growing away from the house. T2 (Sycamore) - Crown lift, remove the bottom 3-4 limbs. For : Tiffany Moore Site Address : 8 The Nook, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8DR.

The parish council has no observations.

20/01447/FUL Proposal : Alterations to roof and gable walls on the existing garage to facilitate installation of solar panels For : Mr And Mrs Craddock Site Address : 13 The Shore, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8JR.

The parish council support the application.

21/00072/FUL Proposal : Erection of a single storey rear extension with the construction of dormer extensions to the side and rear elevations For : Mrs Laura Fisher Site Address : 125 Slyne Road, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8AJ.

The parish council observe that some aspects of the planning application are excessive and may be impact on neighbours privacy.

29/21 To receive an update on the planting of trees in the parish including sites and species of trees.

The parish council will place an article on Facebook asking residents if they are willing to plant a tree on their land to contribute to the plant a million trees project.

The WI have two Oak saplings that they could plant if a suitable site was found.

The resident that attended open forum will manage the free raffle to win one of two trees.

30/21 To consider the reported problem of flooding at Mill Lane.

Cllr Wilson has already reported the problem and has a reference number.

31/21 To consider the next stages of action in unblocking the public right of way at the Packet Boat.

The owner of the Packet Boat explained that if she applies for a planning application for the footpath to be moved it may be objected to which will incur costs. She cannot find out if these costs could be capped.

Cllr Budden will enquire whether the application with the order attached can be revoked.

32 /21 To consider the village hall's request for a grant application.

The village hall needs a new roof and will need to apply for grants for funding. The parish council will have to be the accountable body for the applications.

It was resolved that the parish council agree to support the grant application and be the accountable body for funding.

Proposed by Cllr Budden.

Seconded by Cllr Parkinson.

33/21 Reports and correspondence received (reference only - councillors are asked to submit any reports or correspondence to the clerk before the meeting)

Grit bin missing – A6 main bridge site.

Insurance claim updates.

Bowling Green permits are to be printed.

Report of parking on the verges at Wild Duck.

34/21 Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday 5th April 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 10.48pm.