

Bolton le Sands Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Wednesday 4th January 2023 at 7pm at the Old Free Grammar School, Bolton le Sands.

Present: Cllr Bowman, Cllr Chaplin, Cllr Fothergill, Cllr Kitching, Cllr Leak, Cllr Parkinson.

Gill Mason - clerk.

Three members of the public.

Lancaster City Councillor Keith Budden.

Open Forum.

The representatives of the community hall presented a list of proposed minor works for the hall including new windows and pebble dashing. Three quotes are being sought but the approximate cost will be £11,500.

The generation of the invoices for the electric and gas have been more complicated recently, due to the new government scheme and billing from the suppliers. The invoices are currently having to be estimated, until the supplier's invoices are received monthly again. The representative feels it would be better to continue with the system as it is for now, but individual meters need to be installed. Cllr Budden asked several questions regarding the Christmas tree, School Croft lease, room bookings, the clerk's salary, agenda notices and the zip wire.

1/23 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Archer, Cllr Bell and Cllr Wilson.

2/23 To receive declarations of interests and consider & approve dispensations.

Cllr Leak and Cllr Parkinson declared an interest in any item referring to the bowling club.

3/23 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 28th November 2022.

It was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the vice-chair after the following amendment: 196/22 Environmental and village maintenance -the bench at Grange View - Morecambe side needs removing.

Proposed by Cllr Chaplin.

Seconded by Cllr Fothergill.

4/23 To receive the report from the lengthsman.

The report was circulated to all councillors.

The clerk will enquire with the lengthsman as to who he would like to cover for him whilst he is on leave. The pinfold requires a power wash.

Update on pavilion flood and electrical test.

The clerk and the lengthsman have completed and submitted the insurance claim. The lengthsman has had the electrics tested. The clerk will enquire whether the boiler has a frost protection setting and what can be implemented to stop the pipes freezing in the future.

5/23 Environmental and village maintenance.

Bus shelter purchase and installation update

It was resolved that the traffic management and associated costs be implemented to be able to continue with the installation.

Proposed by Cllr Leak.

Seconded by Cllr Kitching.

Weeding of pavements, traffic islands and verges

The clerk has contacted LCC Highways directly and a job sheet has been created to have the works completed.

Playpark inspection update

The clerk will contact Lancaster City Council again to request the repair and maintenance of the playpark including the zipwire. Sutcliffe play will also be contacted to quote on a price for the zipwire repair.

Noticeboard purchase

Cllr Bowman will enquire with the library if it would be ok, in principle, to site a noticeboard in the grounds. The clerk will contact Lancashire County Council to seek permission to site the noticeboard.

6/23 Finance.

To consider and approve the following items for payment.

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman	£837.99
Cheque	G Mason Clerk	Wages & Expenses	£817.00
Cheque	A Swindlehurst	Greens maintenance	£200.00
Cheque	BLS Village Hall	Invoice for utilities	£100.00
Cheque	BLS Free Grammar School	Room hire	£81.00

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Kitching.

Seconded by Cllr Fothergill.

7/23 Planning matters & applications.

Cllr Bowman will contact Lancaster City Council Planning to query which applications are acceptable for the village and what developments are relevant inline with the local plan.

8/23 To consider the update on the works at School Croft.

Once the fence post and mesh have been installed the requested work has been completed.

9/23 To consider and resolve the precept for 2023/2024.

It was resolved that the tax base be raised by 5% and the precept be set at £38,319.32.

Proposed by Cllr Kitching.

Seconded by Cllr Fothergill.

10/23 Reports and correspondence received.

None.

11/23 Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday 6th February 2023 at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed.....Date.....