

Bolton le Sands Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024 at 7pm at the Old Free Grammar School, Bolton le Sands.

Present: Cllr Archer (vice-chair) Cllr Bell (chair), Cllr Leak, Cllr Budden, Cllr Chaplin.
Four members of the public.

Open Forum.

The residents present expressed concerns over the planning application for Cross Hill Court. The size of the extension, large atrium and terrace will overlook other properties. There will be lots of earth movement required for groundworks, which causes concern for the old building stability in the Nook. There is a lack of parking, and the extension will cause disruption to the wildlife corridor.

1/24 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr Kitching and Cllr Taylor.

Cllr Bowman - resignation.

Absent without apology – Cllr Hegarty.

2/24 To receive declarations of interests and consider & approve dispensations.

Cllr Leak declared interest in the bowling club electric agenda item.

Cllr Budden declared an interest in the playgroup agenda item as a trustee.

3/24 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023.

It was resolved that the minutes be approved and signed by the chair.

Proposed by Cllr Archer.

Seconded by Cllr Leak.

4/24 To receive the report from the lengthsman and consider works to be completed.

The Christmas tree location should be able to stay the same stay if the fire brigade give permission, as most of the cost has now been outlaid. A larger tree would be required with signage to say that it is sited by the parish council.

Overhanging tree at bowling club – The clerk will ask the Thwaite Brow Wood representative to review the tree to see what can be done to make it safe.

The lengthsman will be asked to sweep out and disinfect the timber and concrete bus shelters and repair the roof and paint the shelter opposite Greenwood Crescent. The hedges also need cutting back at the substation at the bottom St Michael's lane.

5/24 Environmental and village maintenance.

To consider the park repair and maintenance and grant review update

Cllr Leak has submitted the LEF grant application and a decision should be given by the 3rd week of March.

To consider the received quotes for new bus shelters.

It was resolved that a replacement shelter for Whin Grove be purchased and sited (subject to no further quotes being required).

Proposed by Cllr Leak

Seconded by Cllr Archer

All in favour.

The lengthsman will be able to dismantle and remove the old shelter.

6/24 Finance.

To consider and approve the following items for payment.

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman	£534.26
Cheque	G Mason- Clerk	Wages	£875.68
Cheque	Bolton le Sands Village Hall	Invoice for Utilities	£138.25
Cheque	Lancaster City Council	Grass Cutting contract	£2919.92
Cheque	McGaffigans	Barrier replacement & xmas tree box steel	£870.00

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Bell.

Seconded by Cllr Leak.

7/24 Planning matters & applications.

23/01493/FUL Demolition of existing rear conservatory, erection of rear single storey extension, installation of rooflights to the front and rear elevation, replacement windows and alterations to the parking area. 4 The Nook, Bolton le Sands LA5 8DR.

The parish council object to the planning application as there will be lots of earth movement required for groundworks, which causes concern for the old building stability in the Nook. There is a lack of parking, and the extension will cause disruption to the wildlife corridor within a conservation area.

23/01360/FUL Proposal : Erection of two storey side extension, with ground floor set into embankment, incorporating glazed link and canopy, terrace to existing upper garden level and external steps to allow access, re-rendering of properties, renewal of fascias and rainwater goods, replacement of timber framed windows with grey framed casements, and construction of replacement front porch to 2 Cross Hills Court. 1 And 2 Cross Hill Court, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8EG.

The parish council object to the planning application as the size of the extension, large atrium and terrace will overlook other properties.

8/24 To consider update of the installation of the defibrillator.

The defibrillator has been ordered.

The lengthsman has the replacement perspex for the telephone box and will contact the electrician to see when he can install the defibrillator.

The phone box needs tidying and the defibrillator will need to be registered with 999.

9/24 To consider the update for the electric supply to the bowling club to be investigated.

Clarkson's electricians completed investigations and did not think it was a surge issue, however surge protection for all power going into club house can be fitted.

Cllr Archer to request a quote for the works and proceed with a budget of up to £350.

All agreed.

10/24 To consider the request for the playgroup railings to be repaired.

The clerk will write again to the playgroup regarding the contribution for the repair to the railings.

The lengthsman has advised it could be a too larger a job for him. Cllr Archer to contact M A Burrows to quote on the works.

11/24 To consider and approve the precept for 2024/2025.

It was resolved that the tax base be raised by 6% for 2024/2025.

Proposed Cllr Budden

Second Cllr Archer

12/24 To consider the update on the clerk's vacancy and the councillor casual vacancies.

There have been three interested parties but no applications for the clerks vacancy.
The vacancy will be shared on Facebook again and to other village groups.

13/24 Reports and correspondence received (reference only - councillors are asked to submit any reports or correspondence to the clerk before the meeting).

14/24 Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday 5th February at 7pm.

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