

Bolton le Sands Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 4 March 2024 at 7pm at the Old Free Grammar School, Bolton le Sands.

Present: Cllr Bell (chair), Cllr Kitching, Cllr Budden, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Chaplin, Cllr Allison

30/24 Open Forum.

2 Representatives from the Bowling Club – Mr Geoff Forrest, Mr Malcolm Leak. Came to enquire if there was an update on the Floodlights issue. The were advised that the matter was still on-going with Clarkson's, and that they would be kept up-dated.

Surge protection-Enquiries are being made on the status of these works, and will be relayed back to the Bowling Club.

31/24 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr M Archer

Cllr L Leak

Cllr L Taylor

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32/24 To receive declarations of interests and consider & approve dispensations.

None

33/24 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 5 February 2024.

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

Proposed by Cllr Kitching.

Seconded by Cllr Bell.

34/24 To receive the report from the lengthsman and consider works to be completed.

Overhanging tree. Cllr Bell to speak with Mike.

Conifer on the Hollows. Steven Bowes from LCC reported that it is on our land and supplied the Council with a quote. Cllr Bell met with 2 further tree surgeons to obtain 2 further quotes for the removal of the tree. Quote from CMH Tree services £1030 was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Budden Seconded by Cllr Kitchen.

35/24 Environmental and village maintenance.

Cllr Leak sent a quote from Sutcliffe Play for the new parts of the Zip Wire of £205.96 inc of VAT. This was accepted. Proposed by Cllr Bell and seconded by Cllr Budden.

Glass cleaning of the bus shelter. Clerk to make enquiries who previously cleaned the existing glass.

De-Fib is now in situ. This will be included on the Parish Web site and social media. It was suggested that St Johns ambulance be approached on their training. The Clerk to contact the WI to inform them that the De-Fib is now operational and to thank them once again for their support and funding for the vital service that will benefit the whole of the village.

Cllr Leak provided a revised quotation of £5910.00 exc. VAT from GW Shelter Solutions for the new bus shelter at Whin Grove.

Proposed by Cllr Kitchen
 Seconded by Cllr Chaplin.
 All agreed.

Dog Waste Bins. Mike to be asked to contact LCC environmental at White Lund Depot to see if they have any surplus bins. The residents group informed the Council at the last meeting that LCC had agreed to service the additional bins.

The Clerk was asked to contact LCC Housing Department to enquire if 68 Church Brow is a tenanted property of theirs, as there has been a number of complaints regarding the overhanging hedge that borders this property and is causing an obstruction on the pavement.

36/24 Finance.

To consider and approve the following items for payment.

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman	£1077.00
Cheque	G Mason- Clerk	Wages	£875.68
Cheque	Bolton le Sands Village Hall	Invoice for Utilities	£122.14
Cheque	Travis Perkins	Post and materials	£23.58
Cheque	Mbb Electrical Ltd	Defibrillator electrics	£84.00
Cheque	Fire Fighters charity	Donation	£150.00

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Allison
 Seconded by Cllr Kitchen
 All agreed

37/24 To consider the purchase of the table tennis and expected delivery.

The Clerk to contact supplier to organise delivery for May and also to confirm with Mike installation of concrete basis.

38/24 Planning matters & applications.

1. Consultation of the proposed diversion of part of Footpath FP0106009, Bolton le Sands. This was discussed and as this application had previously been refused, a number of councillors still felt that the objections still applied. The council objects to this application for a number of reasons.

Well used historical footpath. Fully accessible to all users as there are no inclines for wheelchair users.

2. 14 Sunnybank Road Bolton le Sands 24/00124/Ful – Un-neighbourly

3. 125 Slyne Road, Bolton le Sands – 24/00213/Ful – To take neighbours comments into account.

4. 5 Fir Tree Close Bolton le Sands – 24/00242/Ful – To take neighbours comments into account.

39/24 To consider update of the installation of the defibrillator.

This is now fitted and operational.

40/24 To consider the update for the electric supply to the bowling club.

Cllr Bell to contact Clarkson's on Monday morning regarding the installation of Surge protection at the Bowling Pavillion and query the invoice received regarding the removal of the flood light head. The Bowling club will be kept informed regarding these matters.

41/24 To consider the request for the playgroup railings to be repaired.

Cllr Budden declared an Interest at this point.

Playgroup has still made no contact with the Parish Council regarding the replacement of the railings. Mike has suggested building a 4ft wall as an alternative to the railings. The Clerk to ask Mike for a quote for this work and also to contact IP Jones Fencing for a quote.

42/24 To consider the village parking and traffic issues.

Cllr Taylor informed the Council that he had attended a meeting at school regarding the ongoing parking issues, and asking for the councils support to improve this ongoing problem. The council is happy to support the school in any way they can.

A further issue was raised by a resident from the shore for the inconsiderate parking from visitors as they are parking on the grass verges and the french drain, and has asked the Council if they could replace the damaged existing plastic bollards. As this is not within the Parish Council remit the Clerk was asked to contact Lancashire County highways to inform them of this request.

Cllr Budden offered to contact County Cllr Stuart Morris to assist in these matters.

43/24 To consider the request from the Tennis Club regarding the purchase of tennis nets and waiving of fees.

Deferred. Cllr Kitching - following a meeting with the sports pavillion, raised a couple of observations and recommendations he wishes to make to council.

44/24 To consider the updates to the website.

Cllr Chaplin and Cllr Taylor are still working towards updating the website and Cllr Allison has offered to help to help with this.

45/24 To consider the purchase and costs of a new Clerk's laptop.

The council was asked to authorise the purchase of a Phone, Printer and Software for the laptop to enable the Clerk to carry out her duties.

Cllr Taylor along with the Clerk are going to investigate 2 software packages, Scribe and Parish online that have been recommended by the Clerk from Slyne with Hest.

Proposed Cllr Chaplin.

Seconded Cllr Taylor.

All agreed.

As there are still issues with the online banking, it was agreed that the Clerk would purchase these items and provide receipts, then a cheque would be raised to reimburse her immediately.

46/24 Reports and correspondence received.

Cllr Bell attended a meeting with Ashton & Cassidy regarding the ongoing issues we are still having with reference to the pointing of the flags. Joe Walmsley from Ashton & Cassidy is going to look into this matter and send us a report with his findings.

47/24 Date and time of the next meeting.

8 April 2024 at 7pm

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

