

Bolton le Sands Parish Council

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

Present: Cllr. Bell (Chair), Cllr. Archer, Cllr. Kitching, Cllr. Budden, Cllr. Taylor, Cllr. Allison.

Open Forum.

A representative from the Tennis Club Martin Gawith, came to the Council requesting an amount of £10,000.00 over a 3 year period to assist with their fundraising for re-surfacing of the tennis court.

48/24 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr. Leak, Cllr. Taylor & Cllr. Chaplin.

49/24 To receive declarations of interests and consider & approve dispensations.

None.

50/24 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 4th March 2024.

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

Proposed by Cllr. Budden.

Seconded by Cllr. Kitching.

51/24 To receive the report from the lengthsman and consider works to be completed.

Ongoing with replacing timber edging and paving repairs. To refill with sand and cushion-fall with bark. Ask Mike for an update.

A quote will be provided by Kevin Davidson to replace the small area of Tarmac that needs replacing on the car park.

52/24 Environmental and village maintenance.

Dog Bins No further communication. The clerk to contact Mrs F Souter for an update regarding the dog waste bin situation and to confirm the agreement that was made with LCC as to when the bins are emptied, and how many times as the bins were reported as overflowing.

Reported that St Michael Bridge (No 122) has structural damage. Packet Bridge (No 123) the wooden hand rail needs replacing/repairing as a matter of urgency as this is a safety issue. Clerk to make contact with Canal and Rivers Trust.

Cllr Budden received a request from a resident with regards to scattering her sons and her own ashes in Thwaite brow woods. The Council has no objection to this, but asked the Clerk to advise Louise Belcher from Thwaite Brow Conservation group, so that they can suggest a suitable place in the woods for the ashes to be scattered.

53/24 Finance.

To consider and approve the following items for payment.

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman	£252.00
Cheque	Kim C Bennett	Wages and expenses	£903.67
Cheque	Bolton le Sands Village Hall	Invoice for Utilities	£137.07
Cheque	Clarkson's	Install Surge protective device	£295.83
Cheque	Sutcliffe Play	Zip wire parts	£271.87
Cheque	CMH Tree Services	Removal of Conifer Tree	£1030.00

Invoice for the Utilities will be paid once the Clerk has queried the amount of water billed for the toilet.

It was resolved that the payments be made.

Proposed by Cllr Archer.
Seconded by Cllr Allison.

54/24 Planning matters & applications.

24/00316 – Black Bull cottage. The parish council has no observations. To take neighbours comments into account.

23/00047/REF Appeal – Thwaite End Barn - Original comments submitted on this application still apply from BLS Parish Council.

24/0049/TCA – Removal of Trees – Duly noted.

24/0057/TPO – Carry out works to trees. Jeremy Harrison, The Old School House, Bolton le Sands. Carnforth LA5 8BL – Duly noted.

Ask for notifications to be sent on all planning decisions within our Parish in future.

55/24 To consider Revised Grass Cutting Contract.

The Clerk has been asked for a revised quote from LCC to increase the cuts from 7 to 14 for the surrounding areas on the recreational field. In addition, to ask Mike if he would be able to do the additional 7 cuts with his mower and the cost for this.

56/24 Update on Floodlights at the Bowling Green.

The missing floodlight has been returned to the Bowling Green. Further investigations regarding the acceptance of the quote from Clarkson's is still ongoing.

57/24 To consider the request for the playgroup railings to be repaired.

Cllr. Budden declared an interest.

The clerk has still not received any response from previous emails sent to the playgroup, so the Clerk has been asked to send the 2 quotes from IP Jones and to ask them how they wish to proceed with this.

58/24 Updates on Village parking and Traffic issues.

Cllr. Taylor has circulated updates throughout the month regarding this matter. The Clerk to contact Councillor Stuart Morris to ask for his assistance and if he would be willing to attend a meeting, at the School.

Cllr. Taylor raised his concerns around the approved development of the Packet Boat residence, as this could impact heavily on the start and finish of the school day. So the Clerk was asked to contact the Planning Department to ask if restrictions on deliveries to this site can be included in the permissions.

59/24 Review the charging Policy for the Tennis Courts

Councillor Kitchen has asked that the fees for the use of the tennis courts by the Tennis Club be increased. The Clerk was asked to look back and see what the Tennis Club had paid up to date and what the fees are set currently and to circulate to Councillors for discussion at next months meeting.

Cllr. Kitching asked if the council would be happy for him to pursue the feasibility and costs of a Muga.

60/24 Request to use the Football Pitch.

No attendance/or information received received regarding this request. No action taken.

61/24 To consider Councillor Casual Vacancy.

Notices were displayed around the village and on social media sites. The expiry date is the 8th April 2024. The clerk will await instruction from the Elections office.

62/24 Request to use the playing field from the Firework Committee.

A request has been made to to use the playing field for the Annual Firework display on Saturday 2nd November 2024. As in previous years all legal documentation for the event to be provided by the Firework committee to the Clerk for the September meeting.

Proposed Cllr, Bell, Seconded Cllr Archer.

All agreed

63/24 Small grant application. £500 Bolton le Sands Cricket Club.

Cllr. Budden & Cllr Archer declared an Interest.

The Council have received a grant application request from Bolton le Sands Cricket Club for £500 towards a set of wheeled covers to protect the wickets from rain.

Proposed by Cllr. Kitching. Seconded by Cllr. Allison.

64./24 Reports and Correspondence received.

Appeal - Proposed footpath diversion FP01060009 Monkswell. The general feeling of the Parish Council was that this proposed diversion of the footpath was not widely advertised, as there were no notifications displayed. Therefore the Clerk was asked to contact Planning to ask if such notices should be displayed around the proposed site and also to circulate on social media as the majority of the village residents will be unaware of this proposal.

Scout request – Cllr. Taylor agreed to attend and will confirm with the Scout group a proposed date.

Village Gala – The Council fully support the return of the village Gala. Unfortunately the request for this September cannot be granted due to pre-organised events. The Clerk will contact Lisa Morris to discuss future dates for next year.

GW Shelter Solutions. Permit – The Clerk queried the permit on the quote as instructed by the Council, but unfortunately the cost has to remain for the possible need for traffic management.

Tree situated at Bolton le Sands School. Further to the report from Lancashire County Council regarding the dying Ash tree on land adjacent to the Primary School, Cllr. Bell contacted C.M.H. Tree services for a quote for its removal as it is now deemed as critical and needs to be felled asap. Quote £950.00.

Proposed by Cllr. Budden and Seconded by Cllr. Allison.

All council agreed.

65/24 Date and time of the next meeting.

Monday 13th May 2024 at 7pm.

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