

Bolton-le-Sands Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting 2024

The Parish Council, in close collaboration with the community, has had a productive year. It has achieved significant improvements and supported numerous community initiatives. The community's active participation and support have been instrumental in our success.

- **Defibrillator Installation:** In collaboration with the Women's Institute (WI), we successfully installed a new defibrillator at the South end of the village. This addition increases the total number of defibrillators in Bolton le Sands to 4. The new defibrillator can be found in the old phone box on the corner of Slyne Road and Bypass Road, across from Broadlands Drive.
- **Bus Shelter Upgrades:** New and improved bus shelters have been installed at Whin Grove and Grange View, and necessary maintenance issues with existing shelters have been addressed. These upgrades ensure that the shelters are in good condition for public use, providing our residents with a comfortable and safe waiting area.
- **Play Park Repairs:** We have undertaken comprehensive repairs and maintenance of the Play Park, ensuring that it remains a safe and enjoyable space for our younger residents. Furthermore, we are making steady progress on installing new flooring and equipment repairs, which will further enhance the park's safety and enjoyment.
- **Community Centre Upgrades:** We granted funds for the maintenance of the Community Centre and an upgrade to our CCTV systems to improve security.
- **Grant Approvals:** We approved grants for local sports clubs and community projects, including purchasing a mower to maintain the football pitch, demonstrating our commitment to supporting local initiatives.
- **Floodlights at the Bowling Green:** We have facilitated the resolution of ongoing issues with the floodlights at the bowling green, including investigating surge protection and the necessary repairs that resulted.
- **Tree Management:** Issues with overhanging trees and ash dieback, coordinating with local authorities and tree surgeons to ensure safety and maintain the beauty of our green spaces.
- **Noticeboards:** Installed new and refurbished village noticeboards to improve community communication and ensure they are well-maintained.
- **Traffic and Parking:** Efforts continue to help address parking and traffic issues around the village, including coordination with the school and local authorities.

Future Plans and Ongoing Projects:

- **Additional Bus Shelters:** We plan to install additional bus shelters to improve public transportation facilities.
- **Table Tennis Table:** A grant awarded for an outdoor table will be installed this year, providing another recreational option for residents to enjoy during the summer.

Acknowledgements:

Thank you to our dedicated lengthsman, Mike Ashton. His commitment and hard work, including recently completing and passing a football groundsman course, have significantly contributed to maintaining the football pitch to a high standard for Halton Juniors Football Club and Hest Bank Football Club, in addition to local residence. We truly appreciate his efforts.

Itemised review of Council Business (May 2023 - May 2024)

Source: [Meeting Published Documents](#)

22 May 2023

- Cllr Bell appointed as Chair.
- Discussion of parking problems and potential solutions.
- Liaising with the WI and the lengthsman regarding purchasing a new defibrillator and lock-up box.
- Consider Community Centre CCTV upgrade. Other CCTV contractors to quote on upgrade.
- Approved tennis club courts to be repainted.

5 Jun 2023

- Consider repair of the bench at The Hollows and the barrier at Morecambe Lodge. Quotes to be sought.
- Approval of payments for various village maintenance services.
- Consider Community Centre CCTV upgrade, quote approved.
- Approved Community Centre grant for maintenance work of the building.
- Consider preparing the pavilion's heating system and pipes for winter.

3 Jul 2023

- Approved repair of barrier at Morecambe Lodge
- Discussion of a lock-up for the bowling club's mower and installation of a handrail.
- Updates on Tennis courts, confirmed repainted by Lancaster City Council.
- Updates on preparing the pavilion's heating system and pipes for winter.
- Updates on the annual bonfire event arrangements.

7 Aug 2023

- Update on considering the bowling club's request to site a lockup for the mower: Alternatives sought.

4 Sept 2023

- Consider Play Park repair and maintenance.
- Consider the grant shortfall and purchase of the table tennis table.
- Authorised the siting of the lock-up for the bowling club's mower.
- Review and consolidation of CCTV systems for better security.
- Authorised the siting of the memorial bench at Thwaite Brow Wood.

- Updates on preparing the pavilion's heating system and pipes for winter.
- Consider and approve the football club and the tennis club's fees for 2023/2024.
- Consider the refurbishment and re-siting of the noticeboard.

2 Oct 2023

- Play Park repair and maintenance
- Grass-cutting review re: Football Pitch
- Consider Shore Lane Car Park maintenance re: potholes
- Christmas Tree siting and lights location
- Approved Two memorial benches to be sited at the shore near Archers.
- Update on the installation of a defibrillator in the phone box.
- Ash dieback / tree survey – LCC are reviewing the site.
- Litter reports at the shore and at the teen shelter.

6 Nov 2023

- Overhanging trees at the bowling club addressed.
- Review of bylaws for the recreational car park.
- Play Park repair and maintenance plans updated.
- Consider the cost and purchase of a defibrillator. 60% cost from WI.
- Consider electric supply to the bowling club to be maintained.
- Consider the request for the playgroup railings to be repaired.

4 Dec 2023

- Consider the overhanging tree at the bowling club
- Play Park repair and maintenance and grant review
- Approved grass-cutting schedule and mower purchase - The cost of the mower would be 75% grant-funded, and the remaining 25% contribution from the council.
- Consider Recreational area lease renewal
- Consider electric supply to the bowling club to be maintained.
- Consider the request for the playgroup railings to be repaired.
- Approved request for a replacement bench on The Shore.

8 Jan 2024

- Updates on the overhanging tree at the bowling club
- Consider the play park repair and maintenance and grant review update
- Update for the electric supply to the bowling club to be investigated.
- Updated quotes and maintenance plans for village noticeboards.
- 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).
- Confirmed the new defibrillator ordered.
- Consider the request for the playgroup railings to be repaired.

5 Feb 2024

- Two new councillors co-opted.

- Update on overhanging tree at the bowling club
- Consider the play park repair and maintenance and grant review update
- Consider the received quotes for new bus shelters.
- Dog waste bins services request to be sent to Lancaster City Council
- Update on the installation of the defibrillator, approved the cost of £84.00 for installation.
- Consider the update for the electric supply to the bowling club
- Consider the request for the playgroup railings to be repaired.
- Consider the updates to the website.
- Review and update of grass-cutting contracts.
- Enhancement of tennis court facilities.

4 Mar 2024

- Consider the play park repair zip wire parts, cost approved.
- Defibrillator fitted and operational at south end of the village. 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.
- Approved, the revised quote for the new bus shelter at Whin Grove.
- Consider the purchase of the table tennis and expected delivery.
- Updates on village parking and traffic issues.
- Consider the request from the Tennis Club regarding the purchase of tennis nets and waiving of fees.
- Consider the updates to the website.
- Consider the purchase and costs of a new Clerk's laptop.

8 Apr 2024

- Reported that St Michael Bridge (No 122) has structural damage. Packet Bridge (No 123) the wooden handrail needs replacing/repairing as a matter of urgency as this is a safety issue. Clerk to make contact with Canal and Rivers Trust.
- Consider Revised Grass Cutting Contract.
- Update on Floodlights at the Bowling Green: floodlight has been returned to the Bowling Green. Further investigations regarding the acceptance of the quote from Clarkson's is ongoing.
- Consider the request for the playgroup railings to be repaired.
- Updates on Village parking and Traffic issues:
 - Clerk to contact Councillor Stuart Morris to ask for his assistance
 - Development of the Packet Boat residence, Clerk to contact the Planning Department to ask if restrictions on deliveries to this site can be included in the permissions.
- Review the charging Policy for the Tennis Courts
- Approved small grant application. £500 Bolton le Sands Cricket Club.
- Consider request to use the playing field from the Firework Committee.
- Consider Scout Meeting request – agreed to attend.
- Consider Village Gala request – 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 to discuss future dates for next year.

- Approved funding for removal Tree situated at Bolton le Sands School.

13 May 2024

- Approve maintenance works on community center car park and play area to be completed.
- Update on Floodlights at the Bowling Green.
- consider the request for the playgroup railings to be repaired, meeting being arranged with Playgroup.
- Updates on Village parking and Traffic issues:
 - Councillor Stuart Morris has had a meeting with the Headteacher. Councillor Morris is going to arrange a Multi Agency meeting to move things forward.
 - The Planning Department confirmed that restrictions on deliveries to the Packet Boat are included in the planning permissions.
- Approved increase of the charging Policy for the Tennis Courts
- LALC Membership renewal was agreed by the Council for this year.