

Bolton le Sands Parish Council

Minutes of the parish council meeting held on Monday 3rd June 2024 at 7pm at the Old Free Grammar School, Bolton le Sands.

Present: Cllr. Bell (Chair), Cllr. Archer, Cllr. Kitching, Cllr. Leak, Cllr. Chaplin, Cllr. R Taylor & Cllr. Allison.

Open Forum.

Brian Crawley a representative from Thwaite Brow attended the meeting to inform the Council that work had been carried out by an arborist on one of the oak trees, as a couple of the branches following an inspection were deemed to be unsafe and had to be removed as a matter of urgency. Brian has asked that the cost to be met by the Council and will be approximately £250.00.

Debbie and Mike Leece represented Helen Souter, re the Dog bins poster competition. They have requested £30.00 towards the lamination of 30 posters that were selected from the pupils of Bolton le Sands Primary School competition to be displayed around the village.

80/24 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr. Budden and Cllr L Taylor.

81/24 To receive declarations of interests and consider & approve dispensations.

Cllr Archer - 24/00576/FUL Proposal.

82/24 To consider and approve the minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13th May 2024.

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

Proposed by Cllr. Leak. Seconded by Cllr. Kitchen.

83/24 Appointment of Chairman. Cllr Bell Appointment of Vice Chairman. Cllr Archer

Proposed. Cllr. Kitchen. Seconded Cllr. Leak.

84/24 To receive the report from the lengthsman and consider works to be completed.

Ongoing with replacing timber edging and paving repairs at the play area. To refill with sand and cushion-fall with bark. Ongoing with replacing bark chippings on the step area near the Zip Wire.

Additional quotes required to replace the small area of Tarmac that needs replacing on the Community Centre car park.

Awaiting a Quote to resurface the swing area and table tennis area with grass matting.

Wet pour to be replaced under the springer in the Playground.

Weed the War memorial, the benches on the north bound at the junction of St Michaels Lane and the A6 and the passageway from the Packet Boat to the School.

The Lengthsmen to display notices to the public that half of the football pitch will be closed to the public on the 22/07/24 due to the felling of a tree.

85/24 Environmental and village maintenance.

Clerk to contact LCC Highways to report that the hedges on Clarksfield to Town End and opposite St Margarets need to be cut as they are overgrown and making it difficult to walk safely on the pavements. A number of complaints have been received off local residents.

The Tennis lines have been repainted, but in the future to request robot lines. The Clerk to notify the department.

Proposed. Cllr. Leak. Seconded Cllr. Archer

86/24 Finance.

Cheque	M Ashton	Village Contractor/ Lengthsman	£198.00
Cheque	Kim C Bennett	Wages £875.68 Expenses £23.16	£898.84
Cheque	Bolton-le-Sands Village Hall	Invoice for Utilities	£64.07
Cheque	Louise Ash	Account support	£180.00
Cheque	Little Engineering	Repairs Welding for basket swing	£300.00
Cheque	Clarkson Electrical	Repairs to Floodlights	£404.40

RETRESPECTIVE PAYMENTS

Proposed by Cllr. Archer. Seconded by Cllr Kitchen

87/24 Planning matters & applications.

24/00485/Ful 34 Broadlands Drive, Bolton Le Sands, Carnforth, Lancashire, LA5 8BH. Reply within 21 days. The Council has no observations.

24/00576/FUL Proposal: Erection of single storey front extension with roof terrace above for: Mr Stephen Ellwood Site Address: 1 Gordon Cottages, Main Road, Bolton Le Sands, LA5 8BZ. Neighbours comments to be taken into account.

88/24 Bowling Green Club Grant

This is the second payment of a Grant that was approved by the Council in 2023.

Proposed by Cllr Chaplin. Seconded by Cllr Allinson.

89/24 Update on Floodlights at the Bowling Green.

After communication with Clarkson's regarding the out standing Invoice, to resolve the issue they have proposed the cost should be shared 50-50. This was agreed by Council and once the Clerk received the amended Invoice payment will be made.

Proposed by Cllr Archer. Seconded by Cllr Allinson.

90/24 To consider the request for the playgroup railings to be repaired.

A meeting is to be held on Wednesday 5 June at the Pre School and attended by 3 Councillors. An update will be discussed at the next Parish Meeting.

91/24 Updates on Village parking and Traffic issues.

Contact to be made with Stuart Morris for an update with the said issues.

92/24 To consider Councillor Casual Vacancy.

This will be re-advertised on social media and the website and Councillors were reminded to encourage people to apply.

93/24 To consider the purchase of Scribe accounting package, purchase of the Clerks Manual and to discuss the benefits of Parish online for our Website.

Agreed to set up a Scribe accounting package, which would consist of one initial payment, then a monthly payment. Clerk to purchase the Clerks manual. Cllr R Taylor is making comparisons of the 2 suggested web site hosting companies.

Proposed by Cllr Kitchen. Seconded by Cllr Allinson.

94/24 Wage review for the Lengthsman.

Agreed to an increase in hourly rate.

Proposed by Cllr Bell. Seconded by Cllr R Taylor.

95/24 Reports and Correspondence received. Closure of Graveyard notice received – Following a discussion the council agreed to transfer responsibility to Lancaster City Council.
Lancashire County Council Public Rights of Way £500 Grant. Local Delivery Scheme 2024-25-
Biodiversity Small Grant Scheme - £300. Accepted and responded to both.

96/24 Date and time of the next meeting.
Monday 1st July 2024 at 7pm.

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