

**MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING OF BOLTON-LE-SANDS PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE OLD FREE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
ON MONDAY 5th OCTOBER 2015 at 7.00pm**

Present: Chairman: Councillor K Budden.
Parish Councillors: M Archer, T Bell, B Bond, M Craddock, A Kay, L Leak, S. Lomax, A Parker
City Councillors: S Rogerson and M Thomas
Local Govt. Electors: 1

Apologies: Cllr Patrick

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PACT (Police and Communities Together) –

Crime figures for July were tabled; 6 anti-social behaviour calls (3 in 2014) and 4 crimes recorded (6 in 2014) – Violence and Sexual Offences x 2 (Hillcrest Avenue) Local Resolution (Church Court) unable to prosecute suspect; other theft (Monkswell Drive) investigations complete – no suspect identified; miscellaneous crime (The Green) under investigation. The clerk reported that the seat at The Shore has not been repaired and has notified the police accordingly.

Matters raised by County and City Councillors – Cllrs Rogerson and Thomas were invited to speak to the parish council regarding the proposed housing developments on green field sites between Bolton-le-Sands and Slyne and at Crag Bank. Cllr Thomas voiced his concern at the proposed 500 houses and the loss of the fields that define the villages of Slyne and Bolton-le-Sands and urged residents of both villages to voice their opinions at the Drop In Centres being held by City Council in Carnforth and Slyne. All documentation can be found on the City Council’s web-site.

Matters raised by Members of the Public – Again concern was raised for the safety of the users of Packet Lane and it was resolved a meeting should be set up with the various agencies together with members of the local school to discuss this further.

Millennium Map – The Librarian attended the meeting to advise that since the refurbishment of the Library, there is no safe place to display the map. It is currently being stored safely but a permanent position must be sought.

To consider Lengthsman’s Report:

- ✓ The hedge between the bowling greens and playing fields has been cut (bowling green side)
- ✓ The play area has been strimmed including the area near the top gate.
- ✓ Branches from the ash tree have been cleared away.
- ✓ The white painted footprints and solid white line in front of the community centre have been re-done.
- ✓ The section of hedge at the foot of the zip wire banking was cut and cleared away.
- ✓ Some weed spraying was carried out including the war memorial and pinfold.
- ✓ The path opposite The Royal was cut back and cleared.
- ✓ Assisted with the litter pick by ladies of the WI on the shore at Red Bank
- ✓ The yew hedge at the war memorial was cut although the new laurel hedge has been planted right behind it.
- ✓ The grass at the far side of the bowling green was cut as well as Monkswell and Mill Lane path.
- ✓ The conifer tree at the bowling greens was cut down.
- ✓ Meetings with Rebecca Oaks to progress the woodland management plan.
- ✓ Steve from Crystal Security has fitted the new camera.

Other Environmental Matters for attention:

Confirmation of the responsibility of the path to The Green.
Confirmation of contractor to re-lay the flags at The Pinfold.
Ask both football clubs to do a litter pick at the end of each game.
Ask Estates at City Council regarding the field opposite Broadlands – a possible allotment site.
Request vegetation to be removed from the 20mph signs
Remind Andrew Towers regarding the dead tree within his copse.

To receive any Declarations of Interest – None

Minutes – After slight amendment, the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2015 were accepted as a true record – proposed Cllr Leak seconded Cllr Bond – carried.

6875 Matters arising from the Minutes:

Marking out of the car park – The Clerk reported that no improvement on the suggested plan by PC Barnsley could be made and to employ a crew for the day to mark out the car park will cost in the region of £700/800. It was decided to defer this work for the time being.

Defibrillator Signage – deferred

Ash tree at the bowling greens – The clerk reported that an inspection of the tree has been made by a tree specialist who reported that the tree looks fine, maybe just some growth lower down could be removed.

6876 Toilet Refurbishment – Cllr Craddock to liaise with the contractor.

6877 Tennis Court Resurfacing – The parish council is reviewing the use of the tennis courts and looking at the feasibility of a multi-use games area.

6878 Sponsorship of the Mike Rigby Tournament – Cllr Craddock proposed continuous financial support for the next three years in the sum of £100 per year – seconded Cllr Kay.

6879 Use of Football Pitch by Carnforth Rangers – Cllr Craddock proposed and Cllr Bond seconded to give permission for Carnforth Rangers to use the pitch for the 2015-16 season. Permission must be sought annually.

6880 Meetings for 2016 – deferred to November.

6881 To receive Reports by Members:

Sports Pavilion – Cllr Archer attended a recent meeting but had very little to report.

Playground – As a gesture of goodwill, Playdale spent 3 hrs on the Amazon unit. It was confirmed that the zip wire has a 2year guarantee. Cllr Budden will speak with Playgroup to keep the area around the sand pit swept.

Bonfire Committee – It was agreed, for safety reasons, to close the playground when setting up the fireworks for the display.

6882 Correspondence –

A request to exchange the seat by Stewart Longton's by way of donation for a new one was granted.

The Guides thanked the parish council for allowing them to hold a camp fire on the shore.

Jean Bayliss thanked the parish council for cutting the hedge and clearing the footpath to The Green.

The chairman had been copied into correspondence requesting the use of the village hall to hold a Breakfast Club but the feeling from the village hall committee was that the hall was not equipped for this and responded accordingly.

It was noted that Ms Maher did not liaise with the Pre-School as to the crane being installed on the car park as the parish council was led to believe.

6883 Urgent Matters authorised by the Chairman

New Cylinder at the Sports Pavilion - Discussion took place as to whose responsibility it was to replace the faulty heating cylinder and it was agreed it was the parish council's and a quotation for its replacement was tabled. Cllr Craddock proposed this be replaced as a matter of urgency – seconded Cllr Kay – carried.

Finance:

6883 Accounts Payable

Councillor Bond proposed the following accounts be paid. Seconded by Councillor Archer - carried.

Cheque No.	Payee	Amount / Description
436	M Ashton	£1354.00 Parish Lengthsman (by 4 parishes)
437	P Bradley	£573.51 Clerk's salary + petty cash
438	D. Mason	£250.00 Cleaning services - toilets
439	A Swindlehurst	£200.00 Greensman
440	Lancaster City C	£491.15 Grounds Maintenance
441	Agrovista	£639.60 Bowling green materials
442	Travis Perkins	£105.66 Misc. repair materials
443	Old Boy's Sch.	£400.65 Rent for meetings and School Croft

T & C Planning

Application No: 15/00501/FUL
Proposal: Erection of four 8m floodlights
Address: Bowling Greens, Packet Lane, Bolton-le-Sands
Comment: No objection.

Application No: 15/01031/LB
Proposal: Part removal of the northern boundary wall
Address: Bolton Lodge, 107 Main Road, Bolton-le-Sands
Comment: No adverse comment.

Application No: 15/01078/FUL
Proposal: Erection of a 2-storey side extension, single storey side extension and conversion of utility room to garage
Address: 2 Whitendale Drive, Bolton-le-Sands
Comment: The parish council had no adverse comment to make but requested that a condition be placed on the property that it should remain as a single property.

Application No: 15/01100/VCN
Proposal: Construction of 12 apartments (pursuant to the variation of Cond.1 on 15/00432/VCN to amend the design)
Address: 119 Main Road, Bolton-le-Sands
Comment: No adverse comment.

Application No: 15/01114/FUL
Proposal: Erection of a 2-storey detached garage
Address: 9 Slyne Road, Bolton-le-Sands
Comment: The parish council had no objection to the proposed but felt a condition should be placed on the garage that it must remain as part of the existing property and must not be sold as a separate entity in the future.

Application No: 15/01126/FUL
Proposal: Installation of a raised replacement roof to create first floor accommodation and erection of a detached garage
Address: 152 Coastal Road, Bolton-le-Sands
Comment: No adverse comment.

Application No: 15/01165/FUL
Proposal: Demolition of rear conservatory and kitchen and erection of a replacement single storey rear extension
Address: 15 Greenwood Avenue, Bolton-le-Sands
Comment: No adverse comment.

Application No: 15/01167/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 20 dwellings with associated new access

Address: Land East of St Michael's Lane, Bolton-le-Sands

Comment: Whilst the parish council acknowledged the allocation of the land for housing, it had concerns about parking and access as well as the proposed round-a-bout and could see no benefit whatsoever to the users of St Michael's Lane. It was pointed out that at the present time, cars heading away from the shore to Bye Pass Road have priority over the level crossing to vehicles travelling in the opposite direction. Therefore if cars have to stop to allow residents of the new development to leave the site, this could cause a tail-back across the level crossing thereby blocking a vehicle on the crossing if the barriers come down. These barriers are in constant use and may only allow 5 minutes or less between trains. The parish council therefore felt it dangerous to place a round-a-bout at this point and suggested assistance for vehicles to turn out of St Michael's Lane onto Bye Pass Road would be more favourable. The parish council felt a detailed plan of how the site is intended to be managed during the construction phase should be provided and car parking and a delivery area must be a priority. The parish council also asked for any comments made by the residents of Hillcrest to be taken into consideration.

Signed:..... Chairman

5th October 2015