

# Bonby Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Bonby Parish Council held at 7pm on Monday 7th November 2016 at the Village Hall, Bonby.

**Present:** Cllr S Harriman (Chair), Cllr Norman Smith, Cllr Nik Smith, Cllr T Green, Cllr A Beasley

Cllr Nigel Sherwood

### **Public Comment**

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1. **Apologies**

None

2. **Declaration of Interest**

3. **Minutes of Previous meeting**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2016 with the agreed matters of accuracy were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

4. **Clerk's Report**

The Clerk advised that she had organised defibrillator training for 26<sup>th</sup> November as requested and had advertised it on the website and Low Villages News. She had also organised an informal meeting for Cllrs with Biowaste as requested. The Clerk advised that the website was now live and had been for a little while.

5. **Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs**

The Clerk had reported the vandalising of one of the picnic benches at the Gilman Trail to the police.

6. **Report from Local Councillors**

Cllr Nigel Sherwood gave an update on NLC issues. He also answered questions regarding the river path progress.

7. **Highways / Neighbourhood Services & NLC issues**

The Clerk advised of a response from the local MP and police regarding the speeding problem which basically suggested there is no problem with speeding and the August accident was not caused by speeding. Given the fact that there is an obvious speeding problem throughout the Low Villages the PC are keen to try and reduce the problem. A vote was taken regarding hiring the speed monitor again from NLC. **It was resolved to not do this**, due to the fact that it is so expensive to hire but makes no difference to the speeding problem and the police do not act on the data from it. After a discussion the Clerk was asked to find out more about the speed gun hire seen in other parts of the country, where local volunteers are trained to use it.

A local resident had raised the problem of mud on Carr Lane left by tractors, this had been cleared by the meeting.

8. **Planning**

No planning matters.

9. **Village Planting**

The Parish Council agreed that it would be nice for the village to have floral displays at various points, including the entrances to the villages (land permitting), but that it would be hard to get volunteers for planting and watering, so using gardening services as other parishes have done may be the way forward. Clerk to investigate further.

10. **Phonebox**

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It was agreed that having the phonebox in the ownership of the Community Heartbeat Trust was not in any way benefitting the village, as they had done nothing regarding a defibrillator and had left it to deteriorate to a state of disrepair. Again the PC voiced its disappointment that BT had not offered it to the PC first as in other villages. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact the CHT and ask them to transfer ownership.

**11. To agree application for further funding from the Transparency Code**

The Parish Council agreed to apply for further funding as advised, for time for maintenance of the website.

**12. Playground Inspection report**

Cllr Nik Smith gave the playground inspection report.

**13. Bonby Day 2016**

Cllr Nik Smith said that despite the appalling weather, the event was a success and good fun. Next year, the event may be split in two, with the music evening in midsummer and the fun day at the usual time.

**14. Correspondence for discussion**

- a) Thank you note from Mrs Ruth Greenough for the garden token gift.
- b) Clerks and Councils Direct – circulated.

**15. Accounts**

- a) Payment of Clerk's salary and expenses, agreed.
- b) It was agreed to pay NLC £842.52 for the 2016/17 grounds maintenance and the playground inspection.

**16. Minor Items**

- a) The Clerk again advised of the need to form a Bonby Team for the Low Villages Quiz.
- b) None

**17. Agenda items for next meeting**

Budget.

**18. To confirm time and date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday 5th December at 7pm.

**It was resolved to close the meeting to the public and press.** To discuss employment issues.

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