

Bonby Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Bonby Parish Council held at 7pm on Monday 9th April 2018 at the Village Hall, Bonby.

Present: Cllr Sarah Harriman, Cllr Norman Smith, Cllr Nik Smith, Cllr T Green, Cllr Catherine Bishop, Cllr Denise Peachey

No Ward Cllrs present, apologies sent. One member of the public.

Public Comment

Another resident attended to complain about the terrible state of Bonby Lane and the treatment of other road users by Biowaste lorry drivers.

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declaration of Interest

Cllr Nik Smith – item 11. Cllrs Nik and Norman Smith declared a personal interest item 9.

3. Minutes of Previous meeting

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th March 2018 with the agreed matters of accuracy were approved and signed as a true and correct record.

4. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reminded the Council about the need for Bonby to contribute towards the Low Villages Forum tourism booklet. She also mentioned that a local resident had very kindly forwarded information about an East of England rare fruit tree project for the proposed Community Orchard. The Clerk had been sent a promotional leaflet from a speed monitor company and suggested the PC think about purchasing their own given the high cost of hire from NLC. She also mentioned that finally Ongo had inspected the potholes in St Andrews Place and that work had been scheduled for June. Work will shortly start on the NLC owned part of the Gillman Trail footpath after the PC pressed for action.

5. Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs

No issues.

6. Report from Local Councillors

No Ward Cllrs present again. The Parish Council again expressed their disappointment at the lack of attendance. The Ward Cllrs did send a report regarding issues raised with NLC.

7. Highways / Neighbourhood Services & NLC issues

The Clerk was once again requested to go back to NLC regarding the following matters: Sheepdyke Lane footpath, collapsed culvert by the church, the ongoing Carr Lane issues and Bonby Lane. It was noted that St Andrews Place was on the way to being resolved finally. Water running down from a property on Main Street (burst spring?) on to the road was raised and was the footpath from Saxby to Bonby. Finally the blocked and overflowing drains/gullies at the top of Church Lane need urgently attending to.

8. Planning

- No planning matters for discussion.

9. Grounds Maintenance contract

Cllr Nik Smith and Cllr Norman Smith abstained from commenting and voting due to a personal interest. The Parish Council received one other quote after advertising and unanimously voted to

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remain with NLC due to the lower price despite some concerns about the quality of their cuts. The Clerk was once again requested to contact NLC and express the hope that a much better job would be done than last year, especially as NLC have doubled their price.

10. Appointment of Mr Brian Brooks as Internal Auditor/Annual meetings date

It was unanimously resolved to appoint Mr Brian Brooks as internal auditor again. It was resolved to hold the annual meetings on Monday 21st May, starting at 6.30, prior to the Parish Council meeting at 7pm.

11. Playground Inspection report

The work on the new playground will commence at the end of the month and it will be ready for May. Cllr Smith gave the monthly inspection. The BPA have made the decision not to replace one piece of equipment due to the prohibitively expensive cost.

12. Formation of village “ Green Team”

It is hoped more volunteers will come forward to assist the very few trying to make planting improvements to the village. The Clerk will place on the website. If further improvements are to be made more help is required.

13. Gillman Trail upgrade/Community Orchard

The Parish Council agreed to have a site visit on Saturday 14th May to start planning. Clerk requested to attend too. Cllr Bishop suggested the new plans incorporate a sensory garden.

14. Correspondence for discussion/decisions

- a) Age UK request for donation. Unanimously voted no.
- b) Workers Memorial Day invitation. No Cllr available to attend.
- c) ERNLLCA finance training. It was agreed that Cllr Bishop should attend.
- d) Becky McIntrye NLC re council tax grant. Council will learn more about proposals as agreed when submitting grant request after conversation with Jason Whaler NLC.

15. Accounts

- a) Payment of Clerk's salary and expenses, agreed.
- b) The bank statements were noted by the PC and signed by Cllr Harriman.
- c) It was agreed to renew the ERNLLCA membership at £290.83
- d) It was agreed to pay the ERNLLCA training invoice of £22.50
- e) It was agreed to reimburse the Clerk for the purchase of poppy seeds £34.48.
- f) Reimbursement of Clerk for new PC laptop was deferred as not yet purchased.
- g) It was agreed to make a donation to the Low Villages News of £220.
- h) It was agreed to make a membership donation to the Low Villages Forum of £60
- i) It was agreed to pay the village hall hire invoice of £96.

16. Minor Items

- a) None.
- b) None

17. Agenda items for next meeting

18. To confirm time and date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 21st May at 7pm, to be preceded by the Annual meetings.

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

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