

Bonby Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Bonby Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 7th December 2020,
via a WHYPAY conference call.

Present: Chair – Cllr Sarah Harriman.
Cllr Denise Peachey, Cllr Catherine Bishop, Cllr Amanda Riley, Cllr Nik Smith, Cllr Steve Roberts
Clerk – Holly Hanson
Ward Councillors – Cllr Nigel Sherwood, Cllr Carl Sherwood, Cllr Rob Waltham

Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

20/21 – 1201 Apologies

- a) None

20/21 – 1202 Declaration of Interest

- a) Cllr Nik Smith declared an interest in item 20/21 – 1209 Playing Field

20/21 – 1203 Minutes of Previous meeting

- a) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th October 2020 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate and true record and signed accordingly.

20/21 – 1204 Update from Ward Councillors

- a) Cllr Waltham gave an update stating that the application for a Chicken Farm on Middlegate is likely to go to Planning Committee in the early part of 2021, Cllrs Waltham and C Sherwood stated that they would be consistent in supporting the residents' views. Ward Councillors stated they were happy to support any community projects relating to a Community Bid for the Haymaker.
Cllr Waltham stated that the COVID-19 rates in North Lincolnshire were now under 200. Testing sites at Scunthorpe and the Humber Bridge are working well with lots of capacity. The vaccine roll out should start in the next 2 weeks commencing with the older age groups and clinically vulnerable.
Staff shortages due to COVID-19 have forced brown bin collections to be temporarily suspended and staffing levels at all sites remain a challenge.
Permission has been granted from landowners for the circular Appleby route of the Ancholme path.
Cllr Bishop commented that she had been using the swimming pool in Brigg, and that she had received excellent service and felt really safe there.

20/21 – 1205 Highways / Neighbourhood Services & NLC issues

- a) Councillors discussed the following highways issues:
 - i) The road sweeper was still failing to sweep both sides of Church Lane hill.
 - ii) Potholes have significantly deteriorated on Sheepdyke Lane.
Resolved – Clerk to report.
The potholes on Carr Lane would be programmed in in the New Year.
- b) No other highways matters were raised

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20/21 – 1206 **Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs**

- a) Councillors discussed the increase in fly tipping, nuisance motorbikes and opportunistic burglaries in the area. Stating that residents should remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.
There were no Neighbourhood Watch or NAT matters.

20/21 – 1207 **Planning**

- a) No planning applications received.
- b) No decisions had been received.
- c) Councillors discussed the Appeal outcome on the Haymaker application. Cllr Waltham encouraged the Parish Council to register for the Community Right to Bid, and cited Haxey, Amthorpe and South Ferriby as parishes who had previously gone through the process.

Resolved – Clerk to follow up.

20/21 – 1208 **Dog Fouling**

- a) The Clerk reported that she had had several comments and communications from residents about the increasing problem of dog fouling in Bonby. Councillors discussed different methods of tackling this and the challenges around identifying and catching the culprits.

Resolved – Clerk to post to Bonby Residents Group, details of information needed for enforcement action. Four notices to be purchased and installed at locations around the Village. Pavement notices will be applied when weather permits.

20/21 – 1209 **Playing Field**

- a) Cllr Smith reported on maintenance works to Bonby Playing Field, stating that all hedges had now been cut back, with the works being paid for by a donation from Bioganix. An ISO container is planned to be purchased to store equipment.
Cllr Smith has received a quote for addressing the significant mole problem on the Playing Field, and requested funds to enable the work to be completed from the Parish Council.

Resolved – Councillors resolved unanimously to support the Bonby Playing Field by funding the cost of addressing the mole problem, citing that this not only presented a health and safety issue to users of the field, but also was making grass cutting a challenge for the contractor.

20/21 – 1210 **Community Orchard**

- a) Councillors reviewed quotes to stock fence the Community Orchard in order to holistically manage the meadow by grazing in the Autumn. Councillors discussed the additional benefits of fencing the area in that when there is no stock in the orchard it would provide a safe enclosed space for leisure activities.

Resolved – Resolved to award contract to Mark Burton.

- b) Councillors discussed plans for the pathways, and funding sources.

20/21 – 1211 **Village Planting**

- a) Councillors discussed Village planting and plans to build new planters around the Village sign at the Saxby end and under the noticeboard at St Andrews Place ahead of replanting in Spring.
- b) Councillors also discussed the resident correspondence around wildflower and Cherry tree planting on the verges towards Worlaby. Councillors agreed that it would be a lovely idea but felt that it would be impossible due to health and safety and visibility issues, however patches of wildflowers within the Village could be looked at.

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20/21 – 1210 Low Villages Community Matters

- a) Councillors discussed the proposal for a speed sign to be shared by all the Low Villages.
Resolved – To support the purchase of a shared speed sign.
- b) Councillors discussed the proposed Good Neighbour Scheme and were fully in support of such a scheme in the Low Villages.
- c) Councillors discussed the proposal to write to Andrew Percy MP regarding fly tipping.
Resolved – Councillors fully supported such a letter being sent on behalf of all 6 Low Villages Parish Councils.
- d) Councillors discussed the proposal for increased Low Villages Forum membership fees.
Resolved – To support the increase in membership fees.

20/21 – 1211 Clerk's Report

- a) The Clerk updated the Parish Council on items that had required attention since the October meeting.

20/21 – 1212 Accounts

- a) Current financial position reviewed by all Councillors.
Resolved – That the Financial Summary and Bank Reconciliation be noted and signed by Cllr Harriman.
- b) Bank statements reviewed by all Councillors.
Resolved – That the document be noted and signed by Cllr Harriman.
Resolved – That the following invoices be authorised for payment:
 - i) Lawn N Order – Meadow Mowing - £240.00

20/21 – 1213 Minor Items

- a) No points or items of interest were raised.
- b) No matters of correspondence had arrived since agenda was posted.

20/21 – 1214 Date and time of the next meeting

- a) The date and time of the next meeting of Bonby Parish Council is to be confirmed.

20/21 – 1215 To consider the exclusion of the public and press in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.

- a) Resolved – To exclude the public and press owing to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2).
Employment matters
Resolved – To pay Clerks salary and expenses.