

Bonby Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of Bonby Parish Council held at 7.00pm on Monday 1st March 2021, via a WHYPAY conference call.

Present: Chair – Cllr Sarah Harriman.
Cllr Denise Peachey, Cllr Catherine Bishop, Cllr Amanda Riley (left at 8.20pm), Cllr Nik Smith, Cllr Steve Roberts
Clerk – Holly Hanson

Ward Councillors – Cllr Nigel Sherwood, Cllr Carl Sherwood, Cllr Rob Waltham

8 members of the public attended.

Public Participation

All members of the public had attended to discuss the Community Bid for the Haymaker raising the following points:

- An expanded Community offer such as including a local shop, meals on wheels service, social enterprise, etc.
- Local shop would be particularly beneficial to the Village and something that has been missed especially during recent times.
- What is the justification for the figure it is being marketed at? It was recalled that it was marketed for less when it was a going concern. How can it be proved that it is overpriced?
- Ongoing running costs as it is a large building.
- Could the necessary funds be raised by the Community?
- Has it been overpriced deliberately to enable the sellers to exhaust the marketing route and then re-apply for planning as they can't sell it?
- Need to speak to the owner of the property, as without his agreement to sell this is a waste of time, it is felt that the current owner will never sell the building as a pub.
- Is there any direct competition planned in developments in neighbouring villages?
- If someone wanted to buy it just to live in would they need change of use?
- How long have we got to get a bid and funding together?
- Could be fantastic and a definite asset to the Village.
- If it was valued below the asking price, or the buyers refused to sell to the Community group, is the option of a compulsory purchase order open?

Cllr Waltham advised that establishing the value of the property is an essential first step and offered the support of NLC and the District Valuer, in facilitating this should Council resolve to do this. In addition, Cllr Waltham stated he had spoken to Andrew Percy, who was happy to support any community group through time from his Community Case worker who has experience in raising funding and ensuring viability of Community projects.

In response to the query around a compulsory purchase order, Cllr Waltham advised that it is a lengthy and messy process, and one that is only entered into once all reasonable negotiations have failed.

In response to the query around change of use Cllr N Sherwood stated that it is currently registered as a pub, and that even with this class of use the residential parts of the building can be occupied as a home, but not the commercial areas. If the entire building was to be used for residential use, then that would require a change of use. Cllr Sherwood also cited other local pubs that had been bought as a going concern but has subsequently closed as a business with the owners still living in the residential quarters.

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Cllr Bishop cited that to be successful would require a strong and committed group of individuals, and that this needed to be driven by the Community, and sit within the Community albeit with the support of the Parish and North Lincs Councils

20/21 – 0301 Apologies

- a) None

20/21 – 0302 Declaration of Interest

- a) Cllr Nik Smith declared an interest in item 20/21 – 0309 c) Playing field storage container

20/21 – 0303 Minutes of Previous meeting

- a) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th December 2020 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate and true record and signed accordingly.

20/21 – 0304 Community Bid for the Haymaker

- a) Councillors discussed a Community bid for the Haymaker Pub.

Resolved – Councillors unanimously resolved to submit an expression of interest in bidding for the Haymaker on behalf of the Community of Bonby.

Resolved – Councillors unanimously resolved to request that the District Valuers carry out an independent valuation of the Haymaker.

20/21 – 0305 Update from Ward Councillors

- a) Cllr Waltham gave an update stating that a £5mil scheme to resurface and improve drainage on the A15 would be starting on 8th March and advised to allow extra time for journeys. NLC has completed its budget, which has protected free parking as well as additional monies for flooding. Ward priority pot has been put together which will cover some remedial works to Carr Lane in this year's programme of works to make it tidier and safer. Council Tax has remained low, with a 2% rise to fund adult social care.

As an area a bid has been submitted for a free port for the Humber region which will create a number of jobs.

Cllr Waltham gave an update on the Ancholme Way, stating that although not currently linked to the finishing of the path, an area had been cleared between Saxby and Horkstow to enable the EA to complete a piece of work around reinstating the bank, with a view to looking at routes to finishing the path between Horkstow and Saxby. In addition, there is now works ongoing to link Saxby Bridge and Appleby as a circular route.

Cllr N Sherwood cited that there had been some capacity issues at local recycling centres over the weekend, compounded by vehicle breakdowns which had resulted in several of them shutting although all are expected to re-open early this week.

Cllr Bishop asked if there was any update on the Planning Application for the Chicken Farm on Middlegate Lane – Cllr Sherwood advised

20/21 – 0306 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 as a result of blocked drains, NLC have attended but failed to unblock the drains
 - iii) Request for bollards at the bottom of Church Lane to prevent further damage to the highway verge.

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iv) Councillors discussed the need for additional salt bins in the Village
Resolved – That the Clerk conduct a review of salt bin provision in the Village ahead of Winter 2021

20/21 – 0307 **Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs**

- a) Councillors discussed the increase in attempted dog thefts in the area.
There were no Neighbourhood Watch or NAT matters.

20/21 – 0308 **Planning**

- a) No planning applications received.
b) No decisions had been received.
c) No other planning matters were discussed.

20/21 – 0309 **Village Environment**

- a) Cllr Smith gave an update on the progress of the new planters
b) Councillors reviewed the Verge and PROW cutting provision during the 2020/21 year stating that they were very happy with the works undertaken and had had many comments about how well kept the village and Gilman Trail was. Councillors discussed the forthcoming cutting season.

Resolved – To remain with the same contractor for the 2021/22 year.

- c) Cllr Smith discussed provision of a storage container for the Village Playing Field and stated that the Playing Field association would like to decorate the container with images drawn by local children. Cllr Smith requested support from the Parish Council to purchase a container and requested a budget of £2,000 for this.

Resolved – Cllr Bishop proposed a budget of £2,000 for the purchase of a storage container for the playing field, this was seconded by Cllr Roberts.

- d) Councillors discussed the pig farm in Worlaby, and discussed that the pigs would be moving closer to Bonby on a rotation basis.

20/21 – 0310 **Low Villages Community Matters**

- a) Cllrs discussed the increased costs of the Low Villages shared speed sign.

Resolved – To support the purchase of a shared speed sign at the higher cost.

20/21 – 0311 **Clerks Report**

- a) The Clerk gave a brief report from the recent Town and Parish Liaison Meeting
b) The Clerk reported on items that had required attention since the December meeting.

20/21 – 0312 **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.

Councillors noted the following invoices as already paid:

- c) 18th December 2020 – Sissons Gardening Services – Orchard Strimming - £110.00
d) 5th January 2021 – Pestcotek Ltd – Moles - £252.00
e) 5th January 2021 – Pestcotek Ltd – Mole Trap Set Up - £358.80
f) 5th January 2021 – Cut and Clear Tree Services – Gilman Trail - £50.00
g) 20th January 2021 – MD Signs – Dog Fouling Signs - £48.00

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h) 20th January 2021 – The Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fees - £40.00

Resolved – That the following invoices be authorised for payment:

i) Low Villages News - £220.00

20/21 – 0313 Minor Items

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

20/21 – 0314 Date and time of the next meeting

- a) The date and time of the next meeting of Bonby Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th April 2021 via a WHYPAY conference call.

20/21 – 0315 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.