

BONBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Bonby Parish Council held at 7pm on Monday 7th November 2022, at the Village Hall, Bonby.

Present: Chair – Cllr Sarah Harriman.
Cllr Denise Peachey, Cllr Catherine Bishop, Cllr Judith Hurcombe
Clerk – Holly Hanson

Ward Councillors – Cllr Carl Sherwood and Cllr Nigel Sherwood

One member of the public attended

Public Participation

A member of the public spoke to raise concerns over the inadequacy of the Just Go bus service, and to highlight the severe negative impact the poor service was having on their family. The resident stated that 70% of times that they have tried to book a bus, there has been no bus available, preventing access to medical appointments and work.

22/23 – 1101 Apologies

- a) Apologies were noted from Ward Cllr Rob Waltham.

22/23 – 1102 Declaration of Interest

- a) No declarations of interest were made by any member of the council in respect of the agenda items

22/23 – 1103 Minutes of Previous meeting

- a) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, both held on Monday 3rd October 2022 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate and true record and signed accordingly.

22/23 – 1104 Report from Ward Councillors

- a) Cllr Carl Sherwood gave an update stating that the Christmas light switch on event in Scunthorpe would take place on Saturday 26th November with a full day of events. This year's pantomime was Cinderella, starring Annie Fanny, and would run from 7th through to 31st December.
North Lincs is supporting the national 'daily mile, fit for life' campaign to encourage at least 15minutes of exercise per day.

22/23 - 1105 Co-Option of New Councillor

- a) Councillors deferred consideration of the expression of interest for the Councillor vacancy to the December meeting.

22/23 – 1106 Highways / Neighbourhood Services & NLC issues

- a) Councillors received an update on the following highways matters:
i) Gulleys blocked on Hill – reported for clearing
ii) Gully blocked on Sheepdyke Lane – Reported for clearing

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- iii) Councillors discussed correspondence re parking on Church Lane by one particular vehicle that completely blocks the pavement to the Church. Ward Councillors to assist with addressing this issue.
 - b) No other highways issues were raised
- 22/23 – 1107 Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs**
- a) The Clerk gave an update from the recent NATs meeting, stating that poaching over the Wold tops was still an issue, and that Middlegate Lane continued to be a propriety.
 - c) The Neighbourhood Watch Group remains inactive.
- 22/23 – 1108 Planning**
- a) No planning applications received
 - b) No decision notices received.
 - c) The Clerk updated Councillors on recent Planning Reforms and implications for the planning process.
 - i) Councillors discuss devolution of responsibility for responding to planning applications to the Clerk due to the shortened timeframes for responses.
Resolved – To devolve responsibility for responding to planning applications to the Clerk in consultation with Councillors, arranging Extraordinary Meetings for further discussion as necessary.
 - d) No other planning matters were raised
- 22/23 – 1109 Risk Assessments and Safety Reports**
- a) Councillors received the following risk assessments and safety reports for play and public areas owned or managed by Bonby Parish Council and resolve any action:
 - i) Gilman Trail, benches, bins and fences – Cllr Cath Bishop – Several issues with trees, all but 4 of which are owned by NLC. Also some issues with roots causing trip hazards on the path – Clerk to arrange for these to be painted to indicate the hazard.
 - ii) Playing Field, Equipment and barrier – Cllr Judith Hurcombe – 2 benches were noted to be in poor condition – Clerk to arrange for these to be removed, and the one in the Toddler area to be replaced. Issues with chafer grubs and birds on the grass, may need reseeded in the spring.
 - 1) Councillors received the annual playground inspection from NLC and noted that there were several repairs required that had not been addressed by the Playing Field Committee. Clerk to arrange repairs to equipment.
 - iii) Carr Lane litter bin and benches – Cllr Cath Bishop and Cllr Steve Roberts – No issues
 - iv) Bus Shelter – Cllr Denise Peachy – No issues
 - v) Telephone Box – Cllr Steve Roberts – No issues
 - vi) Noticeboards – The Clerk – Both noticeboards require stripping and repainting
 - vii) Salt Bins – Cllr Harriman – No issues
 - viii) Village planters – Cllr Harriman – No issues
- 22/23 – 1110 Village Environment**
- a) Councillors discussed that progress was being made on a Green Team to assist with planting around the Village.
 - b) Councillors discussed the In Bloom grant, discussing that this would be best used for planters and plants for the phone box.
 - c) Councillors discussed the Orchard, the Clerk updated that the new bench had arrived and that she would work with the Contractor on installation.

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- c) The Clerk reported despite apparent progress being made with NLC Tree Team, the maximum contribution they had offered was 50% of costs. It had been noted that only 4 out of the 30 trees that required attention were owned by the Parish Council. Ward Councillors offered to assist with a resolution to this.
- d) Councillors discussed the Playing Field.
 - i) There was no update on progress with Bonby Playing Field Association – Cllr Bishop to follow up
- e) No other Village environment matters were discussed

22/23 – 1111 Bonby Warm Space

- a) Councillors discussed creating a warm space in Bonby / Low Villages and queried whether the NLC Shared Prosperity fund could be used for this purpose – Clerk to investigate.

22/23 – 1112 23023/24 Budget and Precept Demand

- a) Councillors reviewed and approved the budget for the 2023/24 year.
- b) Councillors reviewed and discussed the proposed Precept Demand.

Resolved – Councillors resolved a precept demand of £12,911.39, a 0% increase on Band D

22/23 – 1113 Further Devolution opportunities

- a) Councillors discussed the further devolution opportunities presented by NLC of litter bin emptying, street sign cleaning and bus shelter cleaning.

Resolved – Councillors resolved that there was no capacity within the Village to take on these additional duties.

22/23 – 1114 Verge and PROW Cutting

- a) Councillors reviewed the verge and PROW cutting provision during the 2021/22 season, commenting that they were very happy with the service and standard of cutting throughout the year.

Resolved – To remain with the existing contractor for the forthcoming 2022/23 season.

22/23 – 1115 Clerk's Report

- a) The Clerk updated the Parish Council on any items requiring attention since the October meeting on any subject not separately on the agenda.

22/23 – 1116 Accounts

- a) Councillors noted and agreed the current financial position which was signed by Cllr Harriman.
- b) Councillors reviewed and noted the bank statements which were signed by Cllr Harriman. Councillors noted the following invoices already paid:
 - c) Lawn N Order – Orchard Mowing - £240.00 (Public Health Act, s164)
 - d) North Lincs Council – Annual Playground inspection - £112.32 (Public Health Act, s164)
 - e) Sissons Gardening Services – Grass Cutting - £479.20 (Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976, s19; Highways Act 1980; s96 & Public Health Act, s164)
 - f) NBB Recycled products – Jubilee Bench - £1308.00 (Local Government Act 1972, s137)

22/23 – 1117 Minor Items

- a) No points from members or items of interest
- b) No items of correspondence had been received
- c) No correspondence had been received since the agenda was posted

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22/23 – 1118 Date and time of the next meeting

- a) The next meeting of Bonby Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th December 2022, commencing at 7pm, in the Village Hall, Bonby.

22/23 – 1119 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) To authorise payment of Clerk’s Salary and expenses.

Resolved - To pay Clerk’s salary and expenses (Local Government Act 1972, s112)