

BONBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Bonby Parish Council held at 7pm on Monday 4th December 2023, at the Village Hall, Bonby.

Present: Chair – Cllr Sarah Harriman.
Cllr Alex Haslett, Cllr Cath Bishop, Cllr Andrew Trafford Cllr Steve Roberts, and Cllr Judith Hurcombe
Clerk – Holly Hanson

Ward Councillor Cllr Rob Waltham

No members of the public attended

Public Participation

No members of the public attended

23/24 – 1201 Apologies

a) No Apologies received.

It was noted that Cllr Barry Glanville had resigned from Bonby Parish Council. Councillors extended their thanks to him for his work on the Parish Council.

23/24 – 1202 Declaration of Interest

- a) There were no declarations of interest in respect of any agenda items
- b) No dispensations granted

23/24 – 1203 Minutes of Previous meeting

a) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Monday 6th November 2023 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate and true record and signed accordingly.

23/24 - 1204 Report from Ward Councillors

Cllr Waltham gave an update stating that NLC In Bloom Grant applications will be welcomed from Parish Councils in January 2024.

A Street Surgery for the Low Wold Villages will be held on Thursday 14th December 2023.

NLC are currently reviewing the popular 96 bus service, with changes expected in the New Year.

An 8 week consultation is starting on devolution from central Government to Greater Lincolnshire, with an elected Mayor from 2025. £750 mil of funding will be attached to this devolution, with board members being able to draw down funding from May 2024.

From 1st December 2023 PSPO fines for fly tipping will increase to £1,000, with fines for litter dropping and graffiti increasing to £200.

Cllr Waltham is currently raising lack of mobile phone signal in the Low Wold Villages.

2 push-button boxes have been installed in Scunthorpe Town Centre to alert police if you are being followed, together with addition CCTV Coverage. NLC are also looking at additional parking resources in Town Centres.

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Councillors raised concerns with the lack of Winter Service provision, as salt bins have not been filled, and no salt has been placed at the side of the road on the Wold hills and junctions on Middlegate. There have been several near misses due to the lack of salt provision.

Cllr Harriman raised the lack of Youth Service provision for the Low Villages. Cllr Waltham responded that historically provision had not been well attended.

23/24 - 1205 Highways / Neighbourhood Services & NLC issues

- a) Councillors received an update on the following highways matters following the highways walkabout:
 - i) Gulleys blocked on Hill – NLC to identify and mark gulleys for regular clearing – No update
 - ii) Road sweeper not sweeping to sides of road on the Hill – Road sweeper has attended, but drains remain blocked
 - iii) Gulley Blocked at Saxby end of Village on Main Street – No update
 - iv) Moss on path at Hall Meadow is making it very slippery to walk on
Resolved – Councillors resolved a £200 budget to kill and remove the moss.
- b) No other highways issues were raised

23/24 - 1206 Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs

- a) Councillors reported that a couple of large piles of logs had been stolen in recent weeks.
- b) The Neighbourhood Watch Group remains inactive.

23/24 - 1207 Planning

- a) No Planning Applications received.
- b) No planning decisions received
- c) No other planning matters discussed

23/24 - 1208 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 – No change
 - ii) Playing Field, Equipment and barrier – Cllr Judith Hurcombe – No issues
 - iii) Carr Lane litter bin and benches – Cllr Steve Roberts – No Issues.
 - iv) Bus Shelter – Cllr Judith Hurcombe – No issues
 - v) Telephone Box – Cllr Steve Roberts – No issues
 - vi) Noticeboards – The Clerk – No issues
 - vii) Salt Bins – Cllr Sarag Harriman – No issues
 - viii) Village planters – Cllr Judith Hurcombe – No issues

23/24 - 1209 Village Environment

- a) Cllr Hurcombe gave a brief update on the flowerbeds around the Village. Councillors discussed that they would like to apply for funding for Autumn planted bulbs with the In-Bloom Grant
Resolved – Clerk to submit Grant Application.
- b) Councillors discussed the Meadow, Cllr Bishop requested that the paths in the meadow be cut and widened for Winter as the meadow has been unable to be cut due to the weather..
- c) Cllr Hurcombe to inspect Gilman Trail and draw up a specification for necessary works.
- d) Councillors discussed the Playing Field. Cllr Hurcombe to replace the tape on the closed off equipment. The Clerk updated that she was awaiting access to the Charity Commission website to enable her to progress with BPFAs.

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- e) Councillors discussed upgrading the bin in the car park at the Play Area to a larger bin. Councillors to monitor the situation with litter in the Play Area for further discussion at the February meeting.
- e) Councillors deferred discussions on Youth Services for the Village to the February meeting
- f) Councillors discussed consultation feedback on proposals for continuation of Low Villages News. Councillors felt that a notice board in the Village Hall, and regular notices in all noticeboard of upcoming events and useful information would be of more use the residents than a 2 monthly newsletter. It was also discussed that the Calendar of events in the Village Hall could be placed on the Parish Council website – Clerk to action.
- e) Councillors discussed remembrance in the Village and how this could be marked better in future years.

23/24 - 1120 2024/25 Budget and Precept Demand

- a) Councillors reviewed and discussed the draft budget for the 2024/25 year.
 - b) Councillors reviewed and discussed the proposed Precept Demand.
- Resolved – Councillors resolved a precept demand of £12,944.21, with no increase to the Band D contribution from the previous year

23/24 – 1211 Clerk’s Report

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

23/24 – 1212 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) 1st November 2023 – Sissons Gardening Services – Grass Cutting - £389.08 (Local Government (miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976, s19; Highways Act 1980; s96 & Public Health Act, s164)
- d) No other payments were presented

23/24 - 1213 Minor Items

- a) Councillors reported that Bonby had won this year’s Low Villages Quiz, and extended congratulation to the quiz team.
- b) No items of correspondence received.
- c) Councillors discussed correspondence received since agenda was posted on the future of the Low Villages News, deferring any response to the December meeting when the thoughts of the Community had been sought at the Coffee Morning and other Village Events.

23/24 - 1214 Date and time of the next meeting

- a) The next meeting of Bonby Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th February 2024, commencing at 7pm, in the Village Hall, Bonby.

23/24 - 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) To authorise payment of Clerk’s Salary and expenses.
- Resolved - To pay Clerk’s salary and expenses (Local Government Act 1972, s112)
- b) Discussions on the NJC Pay Award for April 2023 were deferred to the February meeting.