

BONBY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Bonby Parish Council held at 7pm on Monday 11th March 2024, at the Village Hall, Bonby.

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

Ward Councillors Carl and Nigel Sherwood

One member of the public attended

Public Participation

A member of the public spoke to raise concerns about water flowing past property at 10 Main Street as the property was very close to being flooded due to the volume of water flowing and the lack of provision to take the water away from the property.

23/24 – 0301 Apologies

a) Reasons for apologies were accepted from Cllr Andrew Trafford and Cllr Steve Roberts.

23/24 – 0302 Declaration of Interest

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

23/24 – 0303 Minutes of Previous meeting

a) The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, held on Monday 5th February 2024 were reviewed and agreed as an accurate and true record and signed accordingly.

23/24 - 0304 Report from Ward Councillors

Cllr Sherwood gave an update stating that NLC had set the budget with a 1.99% increase on general Council Tax, and a 1.75% increase on Adult Social Care, versus a Government recommendation of a 3% increase.

NLC have recommitted to the Imagination Library, and continuation of the Community Grant funding and have extended the free swimming for under 16's at all swimming pools in the Summer Holidays to also include the Easter Holidays.

Councillors raised significant concerns about the various flooding issues in the Village, the 'river' at the Saxby end of the Village, deep standing water between Worlaby and Bonby, flooding at 39 Main Street, and at Fussey Gardens.

Cllr Sherwood responded that NLC were liaising with adjacent landowners, as under riparian law it is the landowner's responsibility. It was explained that this was a lengthy process, as legal ownership first had to be confirmed by the Land Registry ahead of any contact being made. NLC were unable to take any action to divert / address the water issues due to the potential to cause further flooding to other landowners.

Councillors expressed frustration at the length of time that residents were being forced to live with these issues, and the apparent lack of action from NLC, together with raising significant

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safety concerns over the depth of the water between Bonby and Worlaby, and the potential for this to cause a serious accident if drivers were not aware how deep the water was. In addition, safety concerns were also raised around ice formation in cold weather as a result of the water in the B1204.

23/24 - 0305 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) Water flowing across road at Saxby end of Village on Main Street – See update from Ward Councillors
 - iv) Dropped Kerbs on Hall Meadow – Inspection has been raised
 - v) Blocked Gulley opposite Fussey Gardens – No Update
 - vi) Flood on B1204 between Bonby and Worlaby – See update from Ward Councillors
- b) Clerk to report flooding at 10 Main Street, raised by resident, and add to list of outstanding issues.
Councillors raised the potholes and road surface breaking up on Church Lane / Bonby Hill – Clerk to report.
Councillors raised directional signage at Bonby Top that I being obscured by overgrown trees – Clerk to report.

23/24 - 0306 Police Matters / Neighbourhood watch / NATs

- a) There were no NATs matters.
- b) The Neighbourhood Watch Group remains inactive.

23/24 - 0307 Planning

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

23/24 - 0308 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 – The fallen tree on the left had side of the Gilman Trail has been cleared from the path.
 - ii) Playing Field, Equipment and barrier – Cllr Judith Hurcombe – Equipment needs re-taping to prevent access – Cllr Hurcombe to action. No Dogs sign is very dirty and unreadable – Clerk to obtain new sign. Children’s Play Area surface requires cleaning – Clerk to arrange works.
 - iii) Carr Lane litter bin and benches – Cllr Steve Roberts – No Issues.
 - iv) Bus Shelter – Cllr Judith Hurcombe – Glass shards remain in frame of bus stop at Sheepdyke Lane – Clerk to report to NLC
 - v) Telephone Box – Cllr Steve Roberts – No issues
 - vi) Noticeboards – The Clerk – No issues
 - vii) Salt Bins – Cllr Sarah Harriman – Salt Bin at Fussey Gardens requires repair and refilling, salt bin at Andrews Place requires remaining salt to be broken up and refilling. Both have been reported to NLC
 - viii) Village planters – Cllr Judith Hurcombe – No issues

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23/24 - 0309 Village Environment

- a) Cllr Hurcombe gave a brief update on the flowerbeds around the Village.
- b) Councillors discussed the Meadow, it was noted that due to the poor weather since September, it had not been possible to cut and collect the grass off the meadow this season.
- c) Cllr Hurcombe reported that the Green Team would commence the necessary repairs to the trail on the right hand side as the weather improves
- d) Councillors discussed the Playing Field:
 - i) Councillors to consult residents via the Bonby Residents Group Facebook Page and Coffee morning, for ideas on how best to utilise the Playing Field Item to be discussed further at the April meeting.
- e) Councillors discussed that the Village Hall would probably hold an event to commemorate D-Day.
- f) No other Village environment matters were discussed

23/24 - 0310 Personnel Committee

- a) Due to the resignation of Cllr Glanville from the Parish Council and Cllr Bishop from the Personnel Committee, Councillors reviewed membership of the Personnel Committee.
Resolved – Cllrs Harriman, Haskett and Roberts will form the Personnel Committee

23/24 - 0311 NLC Community Governance Review

- a) Councillors discussed at length correspondence received from NLC regarding the Community Governance review, considering the following questions:
Whether your council wants to create, merge, alter or abolish your parish?
Does your council wish to amend the name of your parish?
The views of your council on the electoral arrangements for your parish i.e. the ordinary year of election, council size, the number of councillors to be elected to the council and parish warding.
Does your council wish to be grouped with another parish under a common parish council or the de-grouping of parishes?

Resolved = Councillors resolved that there should be no changes to the arrangements for the Parish of Bonby utilising the Chair's casting vote.

23/24 - 0312 Clerk's Report

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

23/24 - 0313 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) 27th February 2024 – The Information Commissioner – Data Protection Fees - £35.00 (Data Protection Act 2018)
- d) No other payments were presented

23/24 - 0314 Minor Items

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- a) Cllr Haslett reported that he had updated the Emergency Plan which will be approved for publication at the April Meeting.

Cllr Haslett discussed the Low Villages Quiz plaque and asked about arrangements for hosting the Quiz in 2024 as Bonby had won the 2023 Quiz. Clerk to find out who the plaque is taken to for new shields. Village Hall Committee to be approached regarding planning this year's Quiz event.

Cllr Hurcombe stated that she had received feedback on poor quality of PROW cutting in the previous season and stated that she knew of several contractors who could do a better job. The Clerk reminded Cllr Hurcombe that she had been present at the February meeting when the matter had been discussed (23/24 – 0220) and that after having reviewed the previous years provision, Council had resolved that they were happy with the current provision and to remain with the same contractor for the 2024/25 season. The Clerk stated that cutting specification and frequency would be put on the April Agenda for discussion, but stated that first cuts would probably have been completed by then.

Cllr Hurcombe left the meeting.

- b) Councillors discussed correspondence on the following items, and resolve any action:
- i) Invitation to In Bloom Presentation - Noted
 - c) No correspondence had been received since agenda was posted.

23/24 - 0315 Date and time of the next meeting

- a) The next meeting of Bonby Parish Council will be held on Monday 6th April 2024, commencing at 7pm, in the Village Hall, Bonby.

23/24 - 0316 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)