

Minutes of the Meeting of Bolton Parish Council

Monday 25th November, 2019, 7.30pm in Bolton Memorial Hall

Present: Roger Bird (RB) Vice Chairman

Councillors: Alan Green(AG), Laura Hall (LH), Peter Smith (PS), Sheila Summerscales (SS),

In attendance County Councillor Neil Hughes (NH), District Councillor Joan Raine (JR), Parish Clerk Shelagh Leyland (SL), and 5 members of the public.

The Vice-Chairman welcomed everyone.

ITEM 1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
076/19/20	Peter Griffith, Martyn Worrall, reasons given	
	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	None	
ITEM 2	TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORISE THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OF 30th September 2019	
077/19/20	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 30 th September be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Vice Chairman	
ITEM 3	COUNTY and DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
078/19/20	COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: NH: No further incidences of flooding at Lane Ends have been reported. Resurfacing of the Cliburn road by Cross Riggs is very low on the CC's priority list NH reported the speeding problem in Bolton to the Eden Local Committee: The Traffic Management Team Leader will report this to the CRASH Group for further investigation and review the provision of traffic calming measures when finance is available. The CCC budget is out for consultation – more cuts expected. For unknown reasons the road between Morland and Newby is closed.	
079/19/20	DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: JR: There will be only one EDC director in the Heart of Cumbria, which will be an executive member not a councillor. EDC is advertising for non-paid directors with the relevant skills and experience. EDC now recommends that the HoC borrows funds instead of using the council's reserves, and tenders out the management to a housing association. The Scrutiny process has been overhauled, the recommendation being the amalgamation of the Environment, Economy, and Housing and Communities committees into one Scrutiny Coordinating Board. Internal and external reviews will be carried out by task and finish groups Police report (JR): 25 more active officers in Cumbria, three in Eden. 22% reduction in crime from August to 17th of October. There is an increase in drug reported incidents and antisocial use of vehicles, 25 arrests for drink and drug driving: the increase is due to extra resources and new reporting mechanisms. Drug dealing is rapidly spreading to rural areas, dealers are being successfully targeted, but this often just allows another dealer to move in. More resources have been put into farm watch as dealers are targeting young people and using farm lanes to exchange drugs. Penrith town 9 antisocial arrests, 3 drug related arrests. Rural Areas 8 antisocial arrests, 6 drug related arrests. RESOLVED to accept the reports of NH and JR	

ITEM 4	PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS	
080/19/20	<p>4.1 Feedback from Hall Committee (SS) £17,683.28 remains from the Play Area Project. The Bolton Bunch and the Parish Council have been invited to the next hall meeting to discuss suggestions for its use. New goal posts have been purchased with the fund. EDC has dealt with the mole issue in the playground. The amended playpark Adoption Agreement has been received from EDC. This will expire in March 2022. The Hall Development sub-Committee met with an architect who has volunteered to make initial recommendations about the hall refurbishment and extension. Another meeting is planned before Christmas prior to presenting two proposals for feedback at the bacon butty/big breakfast morning on the Village Hall Open Day on 25th January 2020. A grant of £700 from CCC has been awarded to reimburse the architect's travel and admin costs. The Committee agreed to apply for the ACT Hallmark Quality Standard Level 1: Charity administration and management, Hopefully there will be lights at the front of the hall for Christmas thanks to David and Eleanor Hayton RESOLVED to accept the report of SS</p>	
081/19/20	<p>4.2 Update on Bolton Educational Foundation Trust The final total of funds is £27,583.77, £17,668.44 of which is endowment capital. Almost all is now in a Parish Council project account, earmarked for the BEFT. We have had confirmation that: 1. The BEFT is still a legal entity even though it is not registered with the Charity Commission (annual income <£5,000) 2. The "Scheme" (the governing document) still applies, as such only the annual income can be spent, not the "endowment capital" (£17,668.44). The amount that can be legally spent at the moment is £ 9,915.33. There is no current income. 3. The former Trustees agreed at their last (but one) meeting on 2/10/2008, that from that date on, the grant formerly paid to each child leaving the primary school would instead be paid to the school itself for the benefit of all the pupils. 4. The Parish Council is now legally the sole Trustee 5. There is no dissolution clause in "the Scheme". 6. Future possibilities are a) to continue the charity as before (re-investing the endowment capital and disbursing the annual income (but see minute 056/19/20) or b) dissolve the charity & disburse all the funds – this means addressing the lack of a dissolution clause in the Scheme RESOLVED to contact the Charity Commission for permission to spend the endowment capital and advice on how to proceed with dissolution. Develop a simple application form that the School can use to apply for a grant.</p>	<p>SL SL</p>
082/19/20	<p>4.3 Update on Hall Development Project See 080/19/20. SL added that the maximum grant that can be expected from the Lottery is currently £50,000, but may be reduced to £30,000. Multiple grants will be required.</p>	
083/19/20	<p>4.4 Feedback on Bonfire/Fireworks night (AG) The event was very enjoyable for spectators, but marred by an unspent box of fireworks being accidentally thrown on the bonfire after the final display. This final barrage was incredibly noisy and distressed residents' horses and pets. Some aspects of preparation and management also need tightening</p>	

	up. There was some discussion about the PC's role in future events, as failure to adhere to safety regulations invalidates insurance. RESOLVED to explore ways to tighten management procedures in the future, and/or other options for insurance for other entities	SL
084/19/20	4.5 Footway lights (PS) PS reported that the new LED footway light at the bottom of North End has now been connected, making a total of 10. No further lights will be provided by EDC. When the non-approved lights eventually fail they will not be replaced.	
085/19/20	4.6 Parish VE75 Day celebrations (LH) Plans are progressing for a parish celebration on Friday 8 th May in the Memorial Field. Grants of £500 (Willow Trust) and £300 (CCC's Eden Lakes Community Fund) have been obtained towards refreshments, prizes, and hire of equipment etc.. Further grants will be applied for.	LH/ SL
ITEM 5 086/19/20	PUBLIC FORUM A resident asked if the portaloo outside the Methodist Chapel will be removed, as the planning permission has expired. The PC replied that the matter was now in the hands of the Methodist congregation. The resident expressed the opinion that the PC should never have supported the original application as some residents were opposed to it.	
ITEM 6 087/19/20	NEW BUSINESS 6.1 Preliminary discussion about the precept 2020/21. The Clerk apologised as due to personal circumstances she had not had time to put together the relevant information. RESOLVED to distribute the relevant information with the minutes as a preliminary to further discussions.	SL
ITEM 7 088/19/20	PLANNING MATTERS New applications: 19/0803: Agricultural building on land south east of Mansgrove Farm (off Watery Loggin 19/0811: Agricultural livestock building Laitha Farm The PC has no objections to either proposal	
ITEM 8 089/19/20	TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS AND APPROVE PAYMENTS 8.1 To review and accept current bank account balances Balance as of 25th November Business current account: £ 50.00 Business saving account: £ 7,926.08 Community (project) account: £ 31,773.80 (breakdown to be supplied later)	
090/19/20	8.2 To review expenditure against budget See 87/19/20	
091/19/20	To Approve Expenditures The PC agreed to purchase supplies for the bacon buttie morning on Village Hall day up to the value of £100. Precept Account S Leyland, salary Oct/Nov 400.00 Bolton memorial Hall hire 22.00 HMRC PAYE 150.00 CALC training Alan Green, new/aspiring chairman 45.00 Mark hill, grass cutting 1,331.10	

	Project Account	
	S Leyland, Reimbursement supplies for bonfire night	280.00
	Pigneys fireworks	1,000.00
	Herald advert for bonfire night	18.80
	S. Leyland - overtime for work associated with the BEFT	200.00
ITEM 9 092/19/20	COUNCILLORS MATTERS none	
ITEM 10 093/19/20	CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING RESOLVED that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 20 th January 2020.	SL

Signed as correct

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Peter Griffiths, Chairman

Initial considerations for precept 2020/21

	Budget 2019/20	Expenditure to date (after today's exp)	Anticipated expenditure	Considerations
Clerk salary	3,000.00	2050.00	950.00	
office Expense	250.00	175.38	30.00	
Audit	200.00	360.00	0	
CALC subs	140.00	144.67	0	
Insurance	460.00	475.71	0	
Fellrunner	200.00	250.00	0	
Grass cutting	2,300.00	2662.20	0	
Celebrations	100.00	0.00	100.00	To be spent on supplies for open day in hall
training	200.00	45.00	0	
meetings	160.00	88.00	44.00	2 more meetings
Election	120.00	105.00	0	None anticipated next year
Maintenance	300.00	290.33	0	
B in B	100.00	109.53	0	
Footway lights	200.00			Invoice not yet submitted by EDC
	7,730.00	6755.82	1094.00	