

Minutes of the Meeting of Bolton Parish Council

held on Monday 16th October 2017 in Bolton Memorial Hall

Present: Peter Griffiths (PG) Chairman,
Councillors: Barbara Butterworth (BB), Alan Green (AG), Peter Smith (PS), Sheila Summerscales (SS), Martyn Worrall (MW)

In attendance: County Councillor Neil Hughes (NH), District Councillor Joan Raine (JR), Eden District Council representative Neil Buck (NB), the Parish Clerk Shelagh Leyland (SL), and 20 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed everyone

ITEM 1	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
046/17/18	Councillor Roger Bird	
	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	None	
ITEM 2	TO ACCEPT AND AUTHORISE THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 17th July 2017	
047/17/18	RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 17 th July 2017 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman	
ITEM 3	PRESENTATION ON DEVOLUTION OF EDC SERVICES (Discussed after Item 4 due to uncertainty about EDC attendance)	
048/17/18	<p>Apologies were received from Jane Langston, Assistant Director Technical Services, and the CALC representative who was unable to attend due the weather. Councillor Adrian Todd sent no apology. Neil Buck, Contract Manager EDC briefly explained the reason behind the devolution of certain discretionary services to Parish Councils. In Bolton this includes responsibility for streetlights and play area management. Financial support will be provided by EDC on a sliding scale until 2022/23, when no further funding will be provided.</p> <p>Footway lights: if Bolton PC agrees to take over responsibility, EDC will honour the agreed programme of capital funding for light replacement & updating, subject to availability of funds. If Bolton does not sign up, no capital funding will be paid for by EDC. It is not clear who would have responsibility for lights near the school if the PC does not take up the service.</p> <p>Play area: the current adoption agreement with the Memorial Hall Committee will continue until 2022, when EDC will trigger the “get out” clause. Responsibility for insurance coverage will need to be clarified, as the PC does not own the land the play equipment is on. Volunteers will be expected to undertake the weekly inspections. CALC will hopefully provide training next year.</p> <p>EDC expects each PC to negotiate management contracts with private contractors for these services. The inefficiency of such a decentralised system was pointed out to NB. The possibility of parishes joining forces was suggested, but such ad hoc arrangements would not work and should not be necessary. The PC expressed its dissatisfaction with the overall consultation process. PG thanked NB for taking the trouble to attend despite such inclement weather.</p>	
ITEM 4	COUNTY, DISTRICT and PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS	
049/17/18	<p>COUNTY COUNCILLOR’S REPORT</p> <p>NH: Work on bridges near Bolton has been delayed due to bad weather. NH encouraged residents to use the re-instated bus service from Appleby to Penrith (though it doesn’t serve Bolton). There is a potential bid for funding for the</p>	

	<p>"Borderland Inclusive Growth Initiative", which might include the reinstatement of the Edinburgh – Carlisle train line. NH will be visiting Bolton primary school on Friday. He will also enquire about the highways work on the Bolton-Colby road.</p>	
050/17/18	<p>DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT JR: The Heart of Cumbria has submitted a bid for 56 Persimmons homes in Penrith. If successful, the houses/flats would be owned by HofC and managed by a housing association. EDC is hoping to take part in the 100% Business Rates opportunity being piloted by Communities and Local Government (currently EDC receives 50% of business rates from the Cumbria pool, which excludes Copeland). The aim is to promote financial sustainability and coherent decision making across the functional economic area. This opportunity is only available to those councils without an elected mayor. NH pointed out that there will be no Central Government funding for Local Government after 2020. Discussions are ongoing with Greenwich Leisure Ltd to identify a pilot area to deliver physical activities for older adults, and with Walking for Health leaders to roll out the programme in other areas of Eden.</p>	
051/17/18	<p>PARISH COUNCILLOR REPORTS MW informed the PC that most non-academy schools in Cumbria will be facing a budget deficit by 2020 if the proposed 'fairer funding for schools' system is introduced in its present form. County Councils will not have the money to cover school deficits. It is possible that the system of Central Government funding for schools will change radically or cease altogether. He encouraged residents to write to the MP. PG requested MW to draft a letter.</p>	MW
ITEM 5	PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS	
052/17/18	<p>5.1 Course on Common Land and Village Greens RB was absent</p>	
053/17/18	<p>5.2 Update on Play Park (PG) Currently £2742 in the project account for new play equipment, plus £3000 promised from the Exchange Committee. Three companies have submitted draft designs, so grant applications can now be prepared. The role of EDC in helping with tendering/purchase of equipment is now unsure. The school children are writing letters to request support from local businesses. RESOLVED to start the grant application process</p>	PG/ SL
054/17/18	<p>5.3 No Cold Calling Zone update Highways have given permission for NCCZ signs to be erected at the village entrances. Trading Standards will not send the signs or stickers until a launch date has been set. RESOLVED that the launch will be via the next Parish Newsletter and a press release in the Herald (last weekend October). TS to be informed</p>	SL
055/17/18	<p>5.4 Eden Grove Update Further deterioration, thefts and a fire, possibly as a result of the U-tube film made by "urban explorers". The owner has taken no steps whatsoever to secure the site or repair the roof, despite promises. Little more we can do.</p>	
ITEM 6	PUBLIC FORUM	
056/17/18	<p>Concern has been expressed about speeding, especially on the section of Chapel Street at the Cliburn end of the village. The SID is operational in Bolton for a month four times a year, and seems successful at reducing speed. The police speed check done a couple of years ago at the point in question indicated that the level of speeding is not high enough to justify any speed reduction measures. A resident has explored the possibility of participating in the police's Community Speedwatch Scheme: the gun is available for a week, three times a year. At least 6 volunteers are required to obtain the gun, but 6 teams of three people each</p>	

	would be preferable. Those caught speeding cannot be fined - they will merely receive a letter of warning from the police. However, it was reported to be effective in Cliburn. RESOLVED to support the Speedwatch initiative, request for volunteers via Parish Newsletter	SL
ITEM 7	NEW BUSINESS	
057/17/18	7.1 Bolton in Bloom awards PG congratulated Bolton on maintaining its excellent record: Best Small Village, Tidy Village, and Pride in your Community Gold medal. In addition, Glebe Meadows and Copse were judged “outstanding” in the RHS “Its your neighbourhood” category - a fitting leaving present for the Cottons. Ann Shepherd thanked all who contributed to the success in any way, and thanked SS for all the hard work put into the outstanding portfolio over the years.	
ITEM 8	PLANNING MATTERS	
058/17/18	17/0713: Portaloo outside Methodist Chapel Application was submitted to EDC by PC on behalf of Methodist Chapel, but due to staff shortages EDC has requested an extension. 17/0803: 2 Agricultural Buildings at Street House - approved 17/0737: Two dwellings at Stephenson Croft. Six out of seven councillors opposed this application on the grounds of lack of demand and “development by stealth”. The application will go to the Planning Committee on 19 th October. RESOLVED that PS be given authority to present the PC’s objections at the meeting 17/0838: Listed building consent for removal of pebbledash from Fern and Midtown Cottages RESOLVED that the PC has no objection	SL SL
ITEM 8	TO RECEIVE ACCOUNTS AND APPROVE PAYMENTS	
059/17/18	8.1 Bank Accounts Balance per bank statements as at 30 September 2017 Business Current Account 50276162 50.00 Business Savings Account 60834513 6,980.55 Community Account (project) 03750396 5,107.05 PROJECT ACCOUNT 03750396 – breakdown as of end September 2017 Bonfire Night 1924.49 Bolton in Bloom 440.90 Play Park Project 2741.66	
060/17/18	8.2 Approval and Acceptance of Annual Audit return and certificate, issues arising from audit RESOLVED to approve and accept the Annual Audit return and Certificate. RESOLVED to identify location of parish assets in the register	SL
061/17/18	8.3 Approval of expenditure. RESOLVED that the PC donate £200 to the Fellrunner Village Bus (request was for £168.90)	SL

RESOLVED not to donate to the Great North Ambulance			
Precept Account:			
S Leyland	Salary: Aug/Sept/Oct	494.16	
	Reimbursement printer cartridges	22.98	517.14
CALC	Common Land & Village Greens training 18th July	75.00*	
	Good councillor training, 16 May	35.00	110.00
Bolton Memorial Hall	Hall hire 16th October		22.00
HMRC	PAYE		133.00
Fell runner	Village bus		200.00
Ann Shepherd	Reimbursement engraving costs		21.90
Project Account			
Sheila Summerscales	Reimbursement travel expenses (Cumbria in Bloom awards)		35.00
* RB to cover 50% of the costs			
ITEM 10	COUNCILLORS MATTERS		
062/17/18	BB: The clearance of silt from beneath the arch has improved the flow of flood water under Bolton Bridge		
ITEM 11	CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
045/17/18	RESOLVED that the next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 22nd January 2018		

Signed as correct

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Peter Griffiths, Chairman

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Date