

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School Wednesday 10th July 2019

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Carlisle, Cllr Redfern, Cllr Hughes, Cllr White, Cllr Tipping, Cllr Wake and Mrs H Overfield.

1. **Apologies:**

2. **Minutes of the Meeting** held Wednesday 12th June 2019 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

3. **Matters arising** (unless dealt with later in the agenda)

Clerk hasn't received any correspondence from Barclays. Cllr Hughes is going back into the bank, clerk to e-mail another copy.

Thrust boring site – still no progress

The A66 – Cllr Tipping attended a meeting at the Witham Hall, it was just a fact-finding mission from the council, no details or plans have been drawn up yet. Cllr Tipping told them about the weigh station, the accidents and the culvert. They are not expecting to widen the road under the Clint bridge.

The project is getting cost prohibitive, as more information comes in that would result in extra costs.

The Chair of Governors from the school has thanked the council for lending them the litter picking equipment. They had a hard day collecting rubbish and cheering up the flower tubs.

4. **Finance & Accounts – See summary below**

Receipts since last meeting £373.50 Brownless & Son £2.13 interest

Expenses since last meeting £534.18 Zurich Insurance £146.64 Cllr Hughes – weed killer for in and around Bowes

Budget		Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet		As at 30th June 2019	
		Year to 31st March 2019			
Income	Income			Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	170.00		Bank as at 31st March 2019	£9,049.63
10.00	Bank Interest	6.61		Income y/e 31st March 2020	£6,457.94
200.00	Cemetery & Village	150.00		Expenses y/e 31st March 2020	-£2,179.77
0.00	Footpaths	0.00		Total	£13,327.80
0.00	General Income	0.00		Represented by	
100.00	Grants	0.00		Nat West a/c - 21543798	£13,127.80
5202.00	Precept D.C.C.	5202.00		Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
	Playground	0.00		Uncleared movements	
	Publications	0.00		Total	£13,327.80
929.33	Vat Refund	929.33		Petty Cash	64.97
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00		Total	13392.77
6719.33	Total Income	6457.94			
Expenses	Expenses				
300.00	Allotments	650.00			
	Grant Exp	0.00			
2100.00	Cemetery & Village	212.40			
	Footpaths	0.00			
250.00	General Expenses	243.47			
1000.00	Grass Cutting	0.00			
650.00	Insurance	0.00			
1600.00	Clerks salary	859.30			
400.00	PAYE	214.60			
400.00	Playground	0.00			
200.00	VAT	0.00			
6900.00	Total Expenses	2179.77			
-180.67	Actual Surplus/Deficient	4278.17			

Finances approved by Cllr Tipping, seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

5. **Planning**

Clerk to contact planning – a single storey extension has been started at East Pasture End, DL12 9RH.

6. Correspondence

We have received an e-mail from a parishioner who wonders if it is possible for the members of Bowes Parish Council, to discuss the property, Hillandale, Bowes. They want to know if we are aware of any plans for the future upkeep regarding this property as it has been in an unkempt state of repair for quite a few years now, and one or two slates have been lost from the roof

Clerk to reply - unfortunately the PC have no powers to interfere with what is a private matter, but we have heard a rumour that something might be done in the near future.

7. Cemetery & Village maintenance

We have received four separate complaints from parishioners about the state of the cemetery particularly the grass but also dog dirt, nettles, trees overgrown and rabbit holes.

Clerk to contact the parishioners with the following message; -

We are taking your complaints very seriously; the Parish Council have determined to spray all the nettles in the cemetery at our earliest convenience and our expense. We are also reviewing the maintenance of the cemetery, we are committed to the present contractor until October, but we will be interviewing other contractors for next year. The west wall in the bottom cemetery, which seems to be the best way in for the rabbits will be rebuilt very shortly again at our expense. We should point out however that this is a country cemetery and it is impossible to police it from rabbits, dogs and other wild animals on a 24-hour basis although we do have two people who volunteer to keep down moles and rabbits.

The parish council would treat in confidence any information about dog walkers in the cemetery.

Cllr Carlisle has met with Raymond, he will repair the wall and fill in the holes for £200.00 soon.

Cllr Hughes has purchased the weed killer and offered to clear the weeds in the cemetery.

Clerk to contact DCC to get prices for the grass cutting and flower bed maintenance for next year.

Cllr Hughes has been talking to CA Stamp to get a price for the grass cutting and flower bed maintenance for next year.

Clerk to contact family of the grave in the bottom of the cemetery that has been fenced off and to kindly ask them to remove the netting from the grave area.

We need a volunteer for the flower bed and the tubs in the village. Clerk to produce a notice for the board.

8 Allotments

Clerk to look at the agreement over the summer and to provide information/policies in September.

9 Play Park

Clerk to contact Toward, cut grass in playpark every two weeks at an extra cost of £15.00 approved by Cllr Carlisle and Cllr Redding.

10 Parish Paths

Cllr White has taken a look at the stile at Mid Lowfield Farm. There are two ordinary step through stiles, the problem the farmer has is getting the walkers to go in the right direction and not through the farm. Cllr White has received an application form from the parish paths and will get estimates from a local trader. Cllr White has several other projects in mind which he will include in the application form. Cllr White to contact a previous trader to strim Bull Banks path, once only this year in August/September. If under £100.00 Cllr White to give them authorisation.

Cllr White to contact rights of way to complain about the state of gates at the end of Bulls Bank that were completed by the Heart of Teesdale which has since been disbanded.

The path from the club to the Annums is over grown. Cllr Hughes will speak to neighbours.

11 AOB

Clerk to contact DCC and ask for 2 dozen footpath and a dozen bridal ways markers.

Meeting closed at 8.50

Section 17 Law & Disorder Act. It was felt the above would have a positive effect.