



**Bardon Mill Parish Council**  
**14<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Draft Minutes**

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**Reports on Financial Matters**

**65/23.01** Bank Rec, Inc & Exp as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 were noted.

| BARDON MILL PARISH COUNCIL<br>BANK RECONCILIATION  |                   | Appendix 1                                     | 65/23.01         |       |
|--|-------------------|--|------------------|-------|
| BANK   | £                 | £  | £                |       |
| Balance as at  | 30/09/2023        |  |                  |       |
| Current Account  |                   |  | £8,979.72        |       |
| Plus outstanding lodgements  |                   |  |                  |       |
| Less outstanding payments  | HSBC              |  | 8.00             |       |
| <b>NET BANK BALANCES AT</b>  | <b>30/09/2023</b> |  | <b>£8,971.72</b> |       |
| The net balances reconcile to the Cashbook - receipts and payments account - for the year as follows |                   |  |                  |       |
| CASH BOOK  | £                 | £  |                  |       |
| Opening Balance as at 1st April 2023   | 6152.00           |  | £6,152.00        |       |
|  |                   |  | £6,152.00        |       |
| Add: Receipts in the Year  | £5,030.00         |  |                  |       |
| Less Payments in the Year  | £2,210.28         |  |                  |       |
| <b>Closing balance per Cash Book [Receipts &amp; Payments] as at</b>                                 | <b>30/09/2023</b> |  | <b>£8,971.72</b> | £0.00 |
| <b>Payments for 14th November 2023</b>   |                   |  |                  |       |
| Mrs S M Saunders Exp   | 50.00             | Poppy Wreath - cash paid                       |                  |       |
| Mr F Furlong   | 200.00            | War Memorial Grass Cutting                     |                  |       |
| Mr S Furlong   |                   | Expenses for Verge Cutter - receipts to follow |                  |       |
| Henshaw Church rooms 23-24   | 60.00             | Rental   |                  |       |
| <b>Total Payments</b>  | <b>310.00</b>     |  |                  |       |

The payments of £310.00 were approved. No expenses for the verge cutter were claimed this meeting.

**Proposed Cllr S Furlong**

**Seconded Cllr V Furlong**

**Approved**

**65/23.03** Budget and Precept for 24-25 to approve.

It was agreed to increase the donations amount to £1000, to create a contingency fund of £1000 and to budget £2000 for play area maintenance and inspections.

The precept was then agreed at 3% increase to £5180.

**Proposed Cllr G Gill**

**Seconded Cllr V Furlong**

**Approved**

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**Correspondence received since last meeting - Noted**

A request has been made from Beltingham Church for financial support from the parish towards the grass cutting. The cost for the upkeep last year was- £4494. Members will consider this at the February meeting when they approve grants. However, in the meantime, the clerk was asked to write back and clarify if this was for the new area only or if it included the old churchyard area. Also, to clarify, if the old area is now a closed churchyard or, if it is still open does the family contribute to the costs?

A survey has been received about green spaces in preparation for NCC to being the next local plan. It was agreed to add in a bridleway that is inaccessible. Cllr Gill will send more details to the clerk for completion of the survey.

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**Any other relevant business**

Both Cllr S Furlong and Cllr J Oliver (in his role as chair to Henshaw PC) received many emails, phone calls and texts in light of the tree felling at Sycamore Gap. They expressed concern that there is much disgruntlement with both the National Park and National Trust with local residents, particularly the farming community, feeling that they are not given a voice or due respect from these authorities. The clerk was asked to write to both Tony Gates (NNPA) and Julia Curry (National Trust) to inform them of the mood of the local residents.

The clerk was asked to write to Patrick Doody and Frank Furlong to thank them for the hard work and effort they both make in preparing the War Memorial and area for Remembrance Day.

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**Dates and times of next meeting**

Parish Meeting Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - 7pm Henshaw Church Hall

The meeting closed at 7.50pm