

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School Wednesday 13th September 2017

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Carlisle, Cllr Redfern, Cllr Brown and Mrs H Overfield

1. **Apologies:** Cllr White & Cllr Wake
2. **Minutes** of the Meeting held Wednesday 12th July 2017 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Redfern & seconded by Cllr Carlisle.
3. **Matters arising** (unless dealt with later in the agenda)
Mr Tipping has offered £200.00 to rent the land, to start from October 2017.
Quote to cut the grass at the play park received - £30.00 a cut.
Clerk has logged a call with highways regarding the piece of land on the way into Bowes that does not get cut.
4. **Finance & Accounts – See summary below**
Receipts since last meeting £205.00 Brownless & Son
Expenses since last meeting £95.00 (August) & £60.00 (July) T Leetham

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet		As at 31st August June 2017
Budget	Year to 31st March 2018	
Income	Income	Cumulative Total
108.00	Allotments 0.00	Bank as at 31st March 2017 £12,522.60
6.00	Bank Interest 0.67	
1000.00	Cemetery & Village 594.00	Income y/e 31st March 2018. £5,007.67
	Footpaths 0.00	Expenses y/e 31st March 2018 -£1,373.73
	General Income 0.00	Total £16,156.54
	Grants 144.00	
4070.00	Precept D.C.C. 4099.00	Represented by
	Playground 0.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798 £15,956.54
	Publications 0.00	Nat West a/c - 015102553 £200.00
400.00	Vat Refund 0.00	Uncleared movements
170.00	West Clint Field 170.00	Total £16,156.54
5754.00	Total Income 5007.67	
Expenses	Expenses	
250.00	Allotments 225.00	Petty Cash 56.32
	Grant Exp 0.00	
1000.00	Cemetery & Village 379.50	Total 16212.86
300.00	Footpaths 0.00	
250.00	General Expenses 111.73	
960.00	Grass Cutting 0.00	
650.00	Insurance 0.00	
1660.00	Clerks salary 518.10	
415.00	PAYE 129.40	
	Playground 0.00	
200.00	VAT 10.00	
5685.00	Total Expenses 1373.73	

Finance approved by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Carlisle

Medium term financial planning information received from Durham County Council. It has been forecast that we will be £24.81 better off next year.

5 Planning

Ancient Unicorn -Formation of 5no. dwellings with associated demolition has been approved but the replacement of the cobbled courtyard is still pending.

Croft barn – Demolition of corrugated outbuilding repair and alternations to roof structure of stone barn including provision of roof lights. Alteration to roof lean to outbuilding and repairs and wall infill to existing offshoot to be incorporated as store access from main house - approved

6. Correspondence

Letter received from Mr & Mrs Reid asking for permission to remove and gravel the narrow strip of verge adjacent to Back Land and the now removed 'lean to' at Croft Barn.– clerk to reply:- We are unable to give approval or otherwise as far as we are aware we don't own this land. If it does not belong to the adjacent properties it must belong to Durham County Council. We suggest you contact them if appropriate.

7. Cemetery & Village maintenance

Toby Leetham our gardener has accepted a full time position at Lartington Hall. Clerk to wish him all the best and let him know that Bowes has never looked as good. Does he have a gardening friend?

8 Allotments

Andrew Lacey and Malcolm Branthwaite have paid their allotment rent. Bills to go out in November.

9 Play Park

Cllr Redfern has completed the playpark inspections and has noticed that cracks are forming on the swing seats. Clerk to inform Barrie Alderson at DCC of the wear and tear to the seats and to remind him about the repair/replacement of the wet pour as agreed.

10 Parish Paths

Craig Gibson completed the strimming at Bull Banks in July, clerk to ask for another cut to be done in October.

11 AOB

None

Meeting closed at 8.45

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