

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School Wednesday 10th May 2017

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Brown
2. **Minutes** of the Meeting held Wednesday 12th April 2017 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Wake & seconded by Cllr Redfern. Minutes approved for April 2016 AGM by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Wake.
3. **Matters arising** (unless dealt with later in the agenda)
Cllr Redfern and Carlisle have trimmed the yew trees in the cemetery and have burnt most of it. There has been a huge clean up on the A66.
4. **Finance & Accounts – See summary below**
Receipts since last meeting £170.00 Miss L Brown – Clint Field
Expenses since last meeting £50.00 T Leetham £61.73 CD Association of Local Councils

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet				As at 28 th April 2017	
Budget	Year to 31st March 2017				
Income	Income			Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	0.00		Bank as at 31st March 2017	£12,451.10
6.00	Bank Interest	0.12		Income y/e 31st March 2018.	£4,099.12
1000.00	Cemetery & Village	0.00		Expenses y/e 31st March 2018	-£225.00
	Footpaths	0.00		Total	£16,325.22
	General Income	0.00		Represented by	
	Grants	0.00		Nat West a/c - 21543798	£16,125.22
4070.00	Precept D.C.C.	4099.00		Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
	Playground	0.00		Uncleared movements	£0.00
	Publications	0.00		Total	£16,325.22
400.00	Vat Refund	0.00			
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00			
5754.00	Total Income	4099.12			
Expenses	Expenses				
250.00	Allotments	225.00		Petty Cash	56.32
	Grant Exp	0.00		Total	16381.54
1000.00	Cemetery & Village	0.00			
300.00	Footpaths	0.00			
250.00	General Expenses	0.00			
960.00	Grass Cutting	0.00			
650.00	Insurance	0.00			
1660.00	Clerks salary	0.00			
415.00	PAYE	0.00			
	Playground	0.00			
200.00	VAT	0.00			
5685.00	Total Expenses	225.00			
69.00	Actual Surplus/Deficit	3874.12			

Finance approved by Cllr Carlisle, seconded by Cllr Wake.

Year end accounts approved by Butler & Gee, clerk to forward to BDO.

It was agreed not to renew our subscription to SLCC.

5. **Planning**
Nothing to report
6. **Correspondence**
Cllr Carlisle met with Mr Tipping regarding some fallen trees. Mr Tipping would like to rent some land to place bird feeders and possibly plant some more trees. Clerk to write to Mr Tipping offering him the land on a yearly agreement and asking for an annual donation to go towards a charity of the Parish Councils choice.

Clerk to contact Highways a parishioner has asked if we can have a street sign to cover the main street, going up the bank after a near miss with a child who ran across the road near the club..

Durham County Council has offered to put out allotments onto their website. Clerk to e-mail the details.

7. **Cemetery & Village maintenance**

Grass has been cut in the cemetery and playpark.

8 **Allotments**

Charles Raine has replied regarding the rent as follows:- I note your email below but remind you that the rent increase to £225 was agreed back in 2015 by way of our letter dated 2 October 2015. The rent is due to increase to £250 next year. I assume the council has taken the issue of the walls up with the adjoining owner whom we believe to be liable for their maintenance and repair.

Clerk to reply:- As merely occupiers of the land we do not believe it is our responsibility to negotiate with adjoining land owners. We have neither access to your deeds or those of any adjoining land owners.

We will not accept any further rent increases until this is resolved.

Denise Marmont has mentioned vandalism on her plot at Clint Field.

9 **Play Park**

Cllr Redfern has completed the playpark inspections.

10 **Parish Paths**

Nothing to report

11 **AOB**

Apologies for Cllr Wake for June

Meeting closed at 8.30

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