

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School on 8th March 2022

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present

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

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 8th February agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Hughes.

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

DCC have completed the white lines at the top of back lane.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £0.11 Interest

Expenses since last meeting £436.62 Wages £109.00 HMRC included below but not paid until March

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet			As at 27/02/2022	
Year to 31st March 2022				
Budget	Income		Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	281.00	Bank as at 31st March 2021	£11,370.04
1.00	Bank Interest	1.28	Income y/e 31st March 2022	£7,245.72
350.00	Cemetery & Village	721.50	Expenses y/e 31st March 2022	£-7,745.80
0.00	Footpaths	0.00	Total	£10,869.96
0.00	General Income	21.82	Represented by	
200.00	Grants	177.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798	£11,215.58
5310.30	Precept D.C.C.	5382.30	Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
0.00	Playground	0.00	Uncleared movements	£-545.62
0.00	Publications	0.00	Total	£10,869.96
600.00	Vat Refund	660.82		
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00		
6739.30	Total Income	7245.72		
	Expenses			
400.00	Allotments	356.38	Petty Cash	£0.00
1200.00	Grant Exp	0.00	Total	£10,869.96
0.00	Cemetery & Village	1907.50		
250.00	Footpaths	47.04		
1350.00	General Expenses	1274.05		
550.00	Grass Cutting	1050.00		
1600.00	Insurance	542.33		
400.00	Clerks salary	1710.42		
200.00	PAYE	427.20		
600.00	Playground	0.00		
200.00	VAT	430.88		
6750.00	Total Expenses	7745.80		
-10.70	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	-500.08		

Finances approved by Cllr Tipping, seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

Cllr Hughes suggest the Clerks pay be considered in the April meeting.

5 **Planning**

DM/22/00191/FPA – Former Department of Transport Storage Depot, single store extension and detached two storey garage. Clerk to comment: - Bowes Parish Council has no objection to the house extension but the garage plan is out of keeping with the conservation area and the design of closely located buildings.

6. **Correspondence**

We have received an e-mail from CDALC regarding an opportunity to pose questions to the Chief Constable and senior management team at a Public Accountability Meeting. The meeting itself isn't one that people can attend but it will be recorded and then available for viewing on U-tube. The public participation is via questions in advance which can be accessed at <https://durhampcc.welcomesyour-feedback.net/s/8lyadr>. The deadline is Weds 9th March at midnight for the 17th March meeting.

Clerk to pose the following questions:-

Why has the Chief Constable got such a low profile?

Why is it allowed every year during the Appleby Fair that the bus turning circle at the west end of Bowes Village is used by travellers over night when there is a authorised site at Guide Post Corner with toilet facilities provided. During this period the buses have to make a U turn on the road, causing an obstruction on the highway. When the Bowes village was bypassed a bus turning circle was created at the West End in order to facilitate the scheduled services.

7. **Cemetery & Village maintenance**

A R Toward confirmed that the grass would be mulched and accepted the job for the grass and the flowerbeds. Insurance details have been received.

8 **Allotments** –

Nothing to report

9 **Play Park**

No problems to report

10 **Parish Paths**

Nothing new to report

11 **AOB**

Kevin Parking from Northern Powergrid hasn't managed to meet up with Cllr Hughes or Cllr Redfern as yet. Hopefully they will be able to meet with Kevin prior to the next meeting.

Clerk contacted Kevin Edworthy from DCC, he is unable to attend the April meeting, but Laura Dobson, Civil Contingencies Officer, will attend in his place.

We have a seat which we will be placing on the Clint. It was agreed that we purchase a plaque to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. This seat was placed by BPC to commemorate the platinum Jubilee, HM Queen Elizabeth 11, June 2022. Cllr Hughes volunteered to sort the sign from a firm in Bishop Auckland.

Jubilee Beacon – Cllr Hughes contacted a parishioner to ask if they wanted to make a burner, unfortunately he won't be able to do it. Cllr Hughes will make a Beacon fire on the evening of the Jubilee on a high elevation of Bowes Moor, on Byron Hill, so that it can be seen.

Meeting closed at 8.47

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