

# Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 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 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Tippings. There was no August meeting.

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

Two dozen footpath and a dozen bridal ways markers has been delivered.

Thrust boring site – DCC have reported the issue and requested their Network Control Officer pay a visit to assess remedial works. If no progress has been made by the September meeting DCC will send it to the next level.

DCC have contacted the clerk and agreed to place some advisory road markings to help with the congestion.

Cllr Hughes has conferred with Claire Ford and agreed the areas that need marking.

Clerk hasn't heard anything from Barclays yet regarding change of details, Cllr Hughes popping in with yet another letter.

Cllr Wake would like to thank all the people who quietly have given their time and energy to litter picking, strimming paths and grass areas, planting up the tubs by the bus shelter, clearing and tidying the garden by the play park and generally helping to make the village a nicer place for everyone.

## 4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting      £2.11 interest

Expenses since last meeting      £400.00 H Overfield wages   £99.80 HMRC

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet				As at 30th August 2019	
Year to 31st March 2019					
<b>Budget</b>					
<b>Income</b>	<b>Income</b>			<b>Cumulative Total</b>	
108.00	Allotments	170.00		Bank as at 31st March 2019	£9,049.63
10.00	Bank Interest	11.07		Income y/e 31st March 2020	£6,895.40
200.00	Cemetery & Village	583.00		Expenses y/e 31st March 2020	-£2,860.09
0.00	Footpaths	0.00		<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,084.94</b>
0.00	General Income	0.00		Represented by	
100.00	Grants	0.00		Nat West a/c - 21543798	£12,884.94
5202.00	Precept D.C.C.	5202.00		Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
	Playground	0.00		Uncleared movements	
	Publications	0.00		<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,084.94</b>
929.33	Vat Refund	929.33			
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00			
6719.33	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6895.40</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Expenses</b>				
300.00	Allotments	650.00		Petty Cash	64.97
	Grant Exp	0.00		<b>Total</b>	<b>13149.91</b>
2100.00	Cemetery & Village	358.54			
	Footpaths	0.00			
250.00	General Expenses	243.47			
1000.00	Grass Cutting	0.00			
650.00	Insurance	534.18			
1600.00	Clerks salary	859.30			
400.00	PAYE	214.60			
400.00	Playground	0.00			
200.00	VAT	0.00			
6900.00	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2860.09</b>			
-180.67	<b>Actual Surplus/Deficiet</b>	<b>4035.31</b>			

Finances approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

## 5 Planning

Hogg House Farm – single storey front extension.

We have heard back from planning regarding Pasture End farm and the extension on the rear. They have investigated the site and determined that the extension falls within householder permitted development.

Havelock House – resubmission for first floor extension and replacement garage.

Prospect House – installation of biomass boiler and flue to outbuildings – approved

Clerk to contact planning as it appears that some unauthorised building is taking place at Sleightholme Barn, it looks like they are converting an agricultural building into a residential spot.

**6. Correspondence**

Information regarding home to hospital transport has been approved for the notice board. Parishioners have been canvassed individually regarding the changes to the environment agency water resource licensing.

**7. Cemetery & Village maintenance**

Cllr Hughes has been killing the weeds in and around the cemetery.

**8 Allotments**

Cllr Hughes has been to the Archives at Northallerton and retrieved documents regarding the allotment that date back to 1858. Cllr Carlisle has met, yet again, with Richard Wilson, Chairman of the Lords in Trust to go over the documents. Clerk to send the following to the Charles Raine:-

After reading the Grayston Webster award it has become clear that some modifications to the recently signed agreement will be required, mainly to adjust the rent downwards and to include a clause referencing the terms of the original award of 1858.

Looking through the Lords in Trust agreement, I can see no real conflict with the Grayston Webster award apart from the recent rent increases. The “power to end the lease” clause will need to be withdrawn from the contract as it is not in the spirit of the award.

The calculations of the wheat, oats and barley in the award are obviously intended as a hedge against inflation and are somewhat impractical and unfair as these commodities have gone up in the region of 18 times which would only incur an additional £18.12 in present times (figures calculated using farmers weekly website). Using the Bank of England’s inflation calculator, we have calculated that the new rent per annum should be £146.48. We are willing to pay £150.00 per year with a tri-annual rent review in line with inflation. We have also calculated that we are due a rebate in the region of £450.00 however, we will forgo this if the rent is calculated in line with the award going forward.

After reading the new draft agreement regarding Allotments from DCC it was decided that our agreements were fine. Clerk to e-mail the following out when sending the payment requests.

Only rubbish arising from the allotments may be burned on the allotments. You are responsible for keeping vermin under control.

**9 Play Park**

Grass is looking good in the play park. No issues to report from Cllr Redfern.

**10 Parish Paths**

Cllr White has contacted the 3Ps and is preparing a bid to have 4 stiles repaired. He has also written a letter asking them to cut the grass at Bull Banks.

**11 AOB**

Meeting closed at 9.00

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