

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School Wednesday 13th February 2019

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

1. **Apologies:** - None

2. **Minutes of the Meeting** held Wednesday 9th January 2019 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Wake & seconded by Cllr Hughes.

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

Councillors found the stile from Bowes to Myre Keld had been lowered and Cllr White & Cllr Redfern have raised it to stop the sheep from escaping.

The remedial work has not been completed on Clint Lane after the thrust boring. Clerk to contact them again, the whole compound has become a quagmire.

The road sweeper has been today and cleared the Clint road up to the allotment. Clerk to thank them.

4. **Finance & Accounts – See summary below**

Receipts since last meeting £1.54 interest

Expenses since last meeting £25.00 final amount for Youngs

		Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet		As at 31st January 2019																					
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	Footpaths	0.00																							
	General Income	330.00																							
100.00	Grants	500.00																							
4047.00	Precept D.C.C.	4070.00																							
	Playground	0.00																							
	Publications	0.00																							
300.00	Vat Refund	316.97																							
170.00	West Clint Field	170.00																							
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960.00	Grass Cutting	960.00																							
650.00	Insurance	530.28																							
1700.00	Clerks salary	1416.00																							
415.00	PAYE	354.00																							
600.00	Playground	421.92																							
200.00	VAT	782.00																							
5925.00	Total Expenses	9607.24																							
-194.00	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	-3963.77																							

Budgets have been amended since the last meeting, approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

Finances approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

5 **Planning**

Internal alternations have been approved by DCC for Prospect House.

Former Department of Transport Storage Depot – 4 dwellings including car port and garages -clerk to reply;- Houses 2,3 & 4 do not have chimneys but the other house does, this will have an aesthetic impact. These properties are in a rural area with no mains gas, therefore, we feel that a provision for wood/solid fuel should be given serious consideration.

There appears to be an additional opening on to the highway immediately to the south-east of the application area that doesn't currently exist on site. Is this an indicator of a further application?

6. Correspondence

Clerk to write to English Heritage can they put a sign on the gate about dog fouling and dogs possibly be on a lead.

Clerk To contact DCC can they extend the 30 mile an hour zone Eastern approach to the village 200 meters east to the old Bowes sign, Clint lane to the far end of the allotment wall to extending the area around the village to stop dog fouling.

Clerk to contact school, would they consider helping the village by designing posters to help to stop dog fouling in Bowes. They will be displayed throughout the village in the areas of main concern which are up the Clint and east of the village towards the A66 and from the old Council depot to guide post corner. £10.00 book voucher for the winner.

Clerk to also reply to parishioner explaining our plans to improve the situation.

The TAP are looking for volunteers – no takers

Proposal to ban HGV's in Barnard Castle – no comment

DCC Consultation on the planning framework

DCC Consultation on new allotment policy and tenancy agreement – there pricing structure was interesting as was some of their wording. To be reviewed with amendments to our agreement in mind.

7. Cemetery & Village maintenance

Nothing to report

Cllr Carlisle, who now has the key, has visited the shed, it does need repairing. Cllr Hughes to put it onto Bowes & Gilmonby agricultural site to sell as we no longer use it.

DCC have been into the village and marked some areas of the road to repair. Cllrs to make of note of other areas that need repairing.

8 Allotments

The minutes of the meeting with Cllr Carlisle and Richard Wilson were considered and the Council is prepared to agree to the following:-

- Term – 1st April 19 to 31st March 2020 and so on from year to year determinable by the end of any period not less than 3 calendar months' notice in writing given by either party to the other
- Lords to assume responsibility for all boundaries, fair wear and tear excepted
- The tenant will be responsible to maintain and leave all water pipes, hedges fences, gates, ditches, drains, gutters on the said premises in good repair and condition to the satisfaction of the landlord
- Proposed lease is scrapped in favour of Heads of Terms, so no legal fees
- Clint field to hold a grazing licence which will be in place for 9 months in each year
- We agree to pay £250.00 towards the cost of drawing up an agreement.
- Rent to be £350.00 pa with a three-yearly review, subject to us keeping West Clint Field.
- Notice both ways to be 3 months
- Use as allotment gardens unless otherwise agreed
- Assignment or underletting clause to be altered to take in West Clint Field
- It is our existing practice for us to allow, on request, our allotment holders to erect reasonably sized polytunnels, sheds and greenhouses. These structures are removed from site when the tenancy is determined. We are quite happy not to allow any other structures on east or west Clint field and never have done.
- To prevent any new footpaths being made on the land or to allow any trespassers encroachment by any person other than those consented by way of this agreement
- To advise the landlord of any notice served in general law
- The tenant to permit the landlord or his agent reasonable access at any time
- The tenant agrees to take and cultivate the land, keep it clear of weeds and regularly cut and keep any grass or hedges, banks and shrubs trimmed and to deliver up the same in clean and good hear to the landlord's satisfaction

Work out how much the allotments price will have to increase to cover the cost of £350.00 plus enough to pay the advert fee for Teesdale Mercury every 3 years. Bring DCC tenancy agreement & a copy of ours to look at.

9 Play Park

Cllr Redfern has completed his monthly inspection – no issues to report.

10 Parish Paths

Nothing to report

11 AOB

Ivy Hall farm proposed development. Cllr Wake to bring what correspondence she has so we can determine if they need planning permission. In the meantime, Cllr Tipping to investigate and report at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9.15

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