

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council
held at Bowes School Wednesday 8th July 2015**

The meeting commenced at 7.50pm

Present: Cllr Carlisle, Cllr White, Cllr Brown, Cllr Wake, Mrs E Crow from Durham County Council
Mrs H Overfield

1. Apologies Cllr Hughes

Elaine Crow brought the definitive footpath maps for our perusal. After discussions regarding the footpaths it was decided the Elaine would contact Emma from “Heart of Teesdale” to see if the stile between the castle grounds and chapel banks can be repaired by a grant as it is dangerous. Elaine also told us about her upcoming retirement, and we would like to thank her for all her help and hard work. We all wish her well.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held Tuesday 9th June 2015 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

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

Path at the Annums has been repaired. Clerk rang on 30th June about the salt bin again, apparently the job has been allocated.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £108.50 Blenkiron £123.50 Brownless

Expenses since last meeting £65.00 K Adams £66.00 S& A – Top soil

BUDGET		Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet		As at 29th June 2015	
Year to 31st March 2016					
Income	Income			Cumulative Total	
57	Allotments	0.00		Bank as at 31st March 2015	£12,414.16
6	Bank Interest	1.29		Income y/e 31st March 2016	£5,010.29
200	Cemetery	313.50		Expenses y/e 31st March 2016	-£1,010.14
500	Footpaths	0.00		Total	£16,414.31
	General Income	508.50		Represented by	
4017	Grants	0.00		Nat West a/c - 21543798	£16,214.31
	Precept D.C.C.	4017.00		Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
	Playground	0.00		Uncleared movements	
	Publications	0.00		Total	£16,414.31
508.5	Vat Refund	0.00			
170	West Clint Field	170.00		Petty Cash	81.48
5458.5	Total Income	5010.29		Total	16495.79
Expenses	Expenses				
1095.00	Allotments	150.00			
455.00	Cemetery	139.75			
500.00	Footpaths	0.00			
100.00	General Expense	117.57			
1750.00	Grass Cutting	0.00			
628.00	Insurance	0.00			
1400.00	Clerks salary	482.42			
349.60	PAYE	120.40			
	Bus stop/shelter	0.00			
	Playground	0.00			
350.00	VAT	0.00			
6627.60	Total Expenses	1010.14			
-1169.10	Used from reserves				

The accounts were approved to be a true record by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Wake. Clerk to sort out website as soon as possible.

5. Planning

Commons Registration Act – application for a Unit No CL1001 – no observations

6. Correspondence

Mrs D Tinker wrote to us regarding an accident that happened on the A66 in 2nd February 2011 where her son was killed. Mrs Tinker was looking for information or sources of information. Clerk to reply – BPC doesn't keep records of accidents on the A66, but the Northern Echo and Teesdale Mercury may have

7. **Cemetery maintenance**

Mrs C Butterfield has complained about the state of the cemetery, clerk to reply- we think you must have visited just before the grass was cut. We pay for 8 cuts per year. Recently the councillors have cut the Yew trees, cleared the still born area, enhanced the bank between the two levels and appointed a rabbit and mole catcher who is managing to keep the problem down, as it can never be eradicated. We are not allowed however, to gravel the path due to health and safety issues connected with the use of the strimmer. We will inspect the standard of grass cutting and if we feel it is unacceptable we will deal with the issue. Family members are more than welcome to tend family graves as happens in other graveyards.

8. **Travellers**

Cllr Brown has resigned from the Travellers Liaison group after many years service.

9 **Allotments**

Mr Branthwaite has asked permission to put up a 2.2m x 3m poly tunnel – permission granted
Mr M Foster has been added to the waiting list.

Weeding has commenced and a raised bed has been started on Mr Fairburn’s plot. The situation will be monitored. Clerk to contact Nigel- We notice some work has been started on the allotment, could you please reply (within 7 days) if you wish to keep this plot and to continue with the cultivation.

Stile to the new allotments is in place and will be secured shortly.

Cllr Carlisle wrote a reply to Youngs with reference to West Clint Field, and the reasons we should not hand it back to them. The reply was approved by Cllr Wake, seconded by Cllr Brown. Clerk to type it up and send.

Adrian Hobbs has asked why we need a stile at the top of the allotments when we have gates in the field. Clerk to reply – the field is being rented out for grazing and the tenant doesn’t want people walking across her field, or letting sheep out. Mrs Brown will give permission to move things across her field in the winter months.

10 **Play Park**

Nothing to report

11 **Parish Paths**

Cllr White has secured yet another grant from Parish Paths Partnership for £708.00

12 **AOB**

A lot of compliments have been received regarding the new flower bed near the play park. Many thanks to Cllrs White, Carlisle, Brown and Wake who planted the bed with the help of Callum and Sarah Guy. Thanks also to Alan Liddell for the use of his hose pipe.

Meeting closed at 9.10

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