

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes Village Hall on 19th May 2021

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present

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

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of the Meeting

held Wednesday 10th March 2021 via Zoom agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Hughes , seconded by Cllr Redfern.

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

The British Horse Society have requested that the land across the moor be re-instated as a bridle way as it was missed off the map. We await consultation on the matter.

Parishioners can send in evidence that this road does exist and that it has been used by vehicles in the last 40 years.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £0.13 interest £5382.30 Precept £170.00 Clint Field rental
£660.82 VAT return £1.82 DCC

Expenses since last meeting £350.00 Youngs rent £47.04 P Hughes - expenses

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet				As at 30/04/2021	
Year to 31st March 2022					
Budget	Income			Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	170.00		Bank as at 31st March 2021	£11,370.04
1.00	Bank Interest	0.13			
350.00	Cemetery & Village	0.00		Income v/e 31st March 2022	£6,215.07
0.00	Footpaths	0.00		Expenses v/e 31st March 2022	-£397.04
0.00	General Income	1.82		Total	£17,188.07
200.00	Grants	0.00			
5310.30	Precept D.C.C.	5382.30		Represented by	
0.00	Playground	0.00		Nat West a/c - 21543798	£16,988.07
0.00	Publications	0.00		Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
600.00	Vat Refund	660.82		Uncleared movements	
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00		Total	£17,188.07
6739.30	Total Income	6215.07			
	Expenses				
400.00	Allotments	350.00		Petty Cash	£0.00
1200.00	Grant Exp	0.00			
0.00	Cemetery & Village	0.00		Total	£17,188.07
250.00	Footpaths	47.04			
1350.00	General Expenses	0.00			
550.00	Grass Cutting	0.00			
1600.00	Insurance	0.00			
400.00	Clerks salary	0.00			
200.00	PAYE	0.00			
600.00	Playground	0.00			
200.00	VAT	0.00			
6750.00	Total Expenses	397.04			
-10.70	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	5818.03			

Finances approved by Cllr Carlisle seconded by Cllr Tipping.

Annual Governance Statement reviewed and approved by Cllr Carlisle & Cllr Hughes.

Year end accounts approved by Cllr Carlisle seconded by Cllr Tipping.

Accounting statement approved to go to the accountants, Butler & Gee. They have increased their price this year to £85.00 from £50.00. Clerk has complained about the price increase, lets see what they charge us this year.

The minute book is almost full. Clerk explained that a new file, the same as we have, will cost £78.98. Purchase approved.

5 Planning

DM/21/01212/TCA 4A Unicorn View Bowes – remove three of the lower branches and pruning to T1 Ash – no objections raised

DM/21/01206/LB Cross House – amendment to planning consent to allow the use of slimlite double glazed units on replacement windows - approved

DM/21/00218/FPS Myre Keld Cottage – retrospective replacement timber windows to UPVC and solar panels to south elevation. Proposed two storey side extension, single storey garden room with balcony above and detached two storey garage – no comment.

6. Correspondence

Parishioners have “Crowd funded” and the village has raised enough capital to purchase 2 Tommy statues and also to donate to Help the Heroes.

A letter has been received from a parishioner with a request to improve the play park and a new dog waste bin near the roundabout. Clerk to order a new dog waste bin from DCC.

Able community care has offered us some free door stickers for the elderly in our Parish, this would make it an offence for uninvited people to try to get a person to answer the door. The Clerk has ordered 30 for the Parish.

Councillor training was offered by CDALC, programme of events was shared with all councillors. Clerk received information from CDALC regarding co-opting new councillors. It was agreed that we would consider parishioners who have shown an interest now that “live” meetings are going ahead.

7. Cemetery & Village maintenance

We have received a quotation from Raymond Watson to put down a 1m x 2 meter base for the new bench at the Clint at a cost of £150.00. Cllr Tipping to organise, a contingency of £100 has been agreed if needed for any further works..

Request for a headstone to be placed between two graves. Approved

The planters near the bus stop are starting to show wear and tear. Cllr Hughes offered to purchase and refill new ones. A budget of £80.00 has been agreed.

Ask Chris Stamp for a price for looking after the garden by the play park to keep it weeded and tidy, about 4 visits in the growing season.

8 Allotments

Access to West Clint Field- The Parish Council considered a request to place rubble and hardcore on the field to facilitate vehicular access. The Parish Council do not own the allotments but rent them from the Lords in Trust and we do not have permission to change the nature of the land. Furthermore, vehicles should not be entering the allotments at all, and such works could be construed as encouraging vehicular access.

A Parishioner has spoken to Cllr Carlisle regarding the safety of the stile in the allotments at West Clint Field. Clerk to contact Charles Raine – We are again seeking permission to place a gate in the wall nearest the road or near the top corner of the West Clint field to allow the allotment holders access to their plots without climbing over the stile and with their wheelbarrows. Provided that the allotment holders will do the work under the Parish Councils' supervision and the stone will be kept safely in the allotments in case it needs re-instating. There will be no costs for the Lords in Trust.

9 Play Park

A parishioner has expressed an interest in making improvements to the playpark. They have also offered to look into funding for the improvements. The play park was installed in the summer of 2006 at a cost of £25,406.00. Clerk to write to Parishioner thanking them for their interest and accepting the kind offer. We are happy to remove the bridge and the rocking log in the grassed area which should give room for a replacement item. Most items require a base of wet pour rather than grass and in this case any new structure must be a similar distance from the other structures. Anything you wish to change will need approval from Bowes Parish Council and then DCC's playground inspection department.

10 Parish Paths

Nothing to report.

11 AOB

BT Openreach are putting a fibre optic cable from Bowes to the EE mast sited at the former Bowes Moor Hotel, hopefully all the residents along the route will be able to access fibre broadband services.

Electricity update – Northern Power Grid have told Cllr Tipping that they are hoping to put in a reinforced supply to the top half of the village within 3 months.

Bowes Land sale - Cllr Tipping left the meeting at this point as he had declared an interest in the land. It was decided unanimously not to sell the land, but all councillors were happy with a long lease as this would bring in revenue and we could still keep the land. The clerk had already contacted Steve Ragg from CDALC and he explained that the process would have to be a fair and transparent and that a legal adviser would be required to support us with the agreement. Clerk to get further information.

The Highways are completing some planned maintenance work on the west bound carriage way of the A66 from 7th June to the end of July. The Council noted the level of disruption this might cause to residents.

All councillors handed in their Declaration of Acceptance and the clerk will send off the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and Expenses forms to DCC.

Meet in the cemetery next time to look at the state of the trees and the allotment wall at West Clint and possible site for a gateway.

Meeting closed at 8.45

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