

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council
held at Bowes School Wednesday 12th May 2015**

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Carlisle, Cllr White, Cllr Brown, Cllr Hughes, Mrs Wake and Mrs H Overfield

1. Apologies.

2. **Minutes** of the Meeting held Wednesday 15th April 2015 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Brown.

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

Post office complaint, we received a reply from the post office. It said that there has been only 1 day when they couldn't attend due to system failure, and that all customers were advised. Clerk to reply:- We do not agree with this statement, and we will continue to monitor the situation and keep you informed as we were lead to believe this has been happening more often.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £170 Linda Brown £81.50 Bambridge Bros
Expenses since last meeting £65.00 K Adams £52.57 CDALC

BUDGET		Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet		As at 30th April 2015	
Year to 31st March 2016					
Income		Income		Cumulative Total	
57		Allotments	0.00	Bank as at 31st March 2015	£12,414.16
200		Bank Interest	0.62	Income y/e 31st March 2016	£4,641.74
500		Cemetery	81.50	Expenses y/e 31st March 2016	-£202.57
		Footpaths	0.00	Total	£16,853.33
3561.16		General Income	542.62	Represented by	
		Grants	0.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798	£16,197.66
508.5		Precept D.C.C.	4017.00	Nat West a/c - 015102553	£708.50
170		Playground	0.00	Uncleared movements	-£52.83
4996.66		Publications	0.00	Total	£16,853.33
		Vat Refund	0.00		
		West Clint Field	0.00		
		Total Income	4641.74		
Expenses		Expenses			
514.00		Allotments	150.00		
455.00		Cemetery	0.00		
500.00		Footpaths	0.00		
100.00		General Expense	52.57		
1750.00		Grass Cutting	0.00		
628.00		Insurance	0.00		
1400.00		Clerks salary	0.00		
349.60		PAYE	0.00		
		Bus stop/shelter	0.00		
300.00		Playground	0.00		
5996.60		VAT	0.00		
		Total Expenses	202.57		
-999.94	Used from reserves				

The accounts were approved to be a true record by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

Purchase orders were signed for Craig Gibson to the value of £1500.00 plus a purchase order to the accountant for £50.00

5. Planning

None

6. Correspondence

None

7. **Cemetery maintenance**

Kath has almost finished turfing the west side path and it looks good.

8. **Travellers**

The travellers are due shortly, no trouble is expected. They are going to target harden Startforth Park. If you need to contact the police you are advised to ring 111 or 999 as there is no longer a dedicated telephone number.

9 **Allotments**

The 2 half allotments on West Clint field have been rented to Nick Adams and Callum Guy. The land has been ploughed and the fence has been put up. The gate will be completed by 17th May. We need to create an access for the allotment holders. Cllr Carlisle suggested a ladder style. Cllr Brown was asked to make this style quickly and at a reasonable cost so that we can get it up as soon as possible. Approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Wake.

Minor repairs have been carried out on the west wall of the east allotments.

Cllr Carlisle received a phone call from Mr Todhunter, who subsequently sent an e-mail to the clerk. Clerk has invited Mr Todhunter to the Annual Parish meeting so that allotments can be discussed. Clerk has spoken to Mr Todhunter and sent a brief reply and invitation to the meeting. Clerk asked to send a reply to Mr Todhunter addressing the issues of the drain, which was not on our land, and to let him know we will inspect the walls.

The Tenancy agreement was discussed and clerk to make the following amendments:-

The word Tenant to be changed to User, Lease be changed to Agreement and Rent to Payment.

A new sub clause to be put in reading: No cultivation to take place within 2m from any drystone walling. Clerk to amend for proof reading at the June meeting.

Andrew Lacey paid £3.00 in cash for his allotment.

Clerk provided a breakdown of Income and Costs for West Clint Field and the Allotments. Clerk to amend with projected costs of £830.00 and bring to the next meeting.

Denise Marmont has asked to go back onto the waiting list as she would like a larger plot.

10 **Playdale**

Nothing to report

11 **Parish Paths**

3P's have reserved us some funds and Craig has been asked to quote for four stiles.

12 **AOB**

Kath needs to complete the garden, it still needs to be dug over. When this has been completed Kath to contact Clerk who will order the top soil (1 tonne)

The wall between No9 the Annums and the west side of the play park, which we believe belongs to No 9 the Annums, has fallen onto the footpath and is dangerous especially in the hours of darkness. (Approx post code DL12 9HR)

Meeting closed at 9.10

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