

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes Village Hall on 23rd June 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 19th May agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Tipping, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

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

20 mile an hour zone in Bowes – Sam Chaters a Senior Civil Engineering Technician from DCC replied as follows:-

The introduction of 20mph speed limits are typically reserved for residential housing estate locations and in some cases commercial town centre areas, as the Department for Transport advise that 20mph speed limits must be what are termed 'self-enforcing' by virtue of the road layout. In this respect, 20mph speed limits would only be considered where average speeds are at or below 24mph.

On residential/distributor roads within housing estate areas where average traffic speeds are greater than 24mph there would be a requirement, where design standards permit, to introduce costly physical traffic calming measures such as road humps/chicanes together with 20mph Speed Limit 'Zone' signs at every entrance/exit to the zone to ensure that the 20mph speed limit is self-enforcing.

The use of 20 mph advisory part-time speed limits on main/distributor roads would be permissible outside of facilities for vulnerable road users such as schools that would otherwise be unsuitable of a full-time 20mph speed limit or zone. Part-time advisory speed limits require the use of flashing amber signs which when displayed advise motorists to travel at 20mph. However, the normal speed restriction for the road remains the legally enforceable limit. The introduction of part-time advisory 20mph speed limits in the vicinity of schools are supported by educational and social marketing campaigns.

Clerk to e-mail Sam - We would like to have the 20mph flashing signs at the top and bottom of the road and the top of the back lane covering as long a distance as possible.

Leasing Council owned land – We have received some advice from Roger Taylor at Wellers Hedleys Solicitors. They have said that a lease of 7 years or more has to be registered at the Land Registry. This involves preparing a lease, and a plan which complies with Land Registry requirements and deducing the Parish Councils title to the land, this will increase the costs. In the circumstances it is probably better to have a lease for under 7 years, although if the tenant is looking for grants this period may not be sufficient. If the lease is for conservation purposes it is unlikely to be protected under Agricultural or Landlord and Tenant act legislation. Wellers Hedleys can provide a lease for £700.00 plus VAT and any disbursements. This figure assumes that the lease will be subject to scrutiny by both parties but not replying to each point made by individual councillors on the draft!

Due to the costs involved it was decided not to lease the land, however we like the idea of having the land used for conservation purposes and asked for a volunteer to manage the land. Cllr Tipping stepped forward for the post of conservation officer. Cllr Hughes and Cllr White approved the motion. This post will be renewed at each Annual General meeting. Any materials purchased for this purpose will be reimbursed via the usual procedure.

Dog litter bin – request has been submitted but the bin has not yet arrived. Clerk to chase.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £0.13 interest £108.50 Blenkiron & Sons
 Expenses since last meeting £448.50 H Overfield (inc 2 burials) £112.00 HMRC £78.98 Twinlock
 File £15.00 rent for village hall £180.00 C A Stamp grass cutting
 £102.00 Butler & Gee

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet				As at 31/05/2021	
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	0.26			
350.00	Cemetery & Village	108.50		Income y/e 31st March 2022	£6,323.70
0.00	Footpaths	0.00		Expenses y/e 31st March 2022	-£558.09
0.00	General Income	1.82		Total	£17,135.65
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	£16,935.65
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	£17,135.65
6739.30	Total Income	6323.70			
	Expenses				
400.00	Allotments	350.00		Petty Cash	£0.00
1200.00	Grant Exp	0.00			
0.00	Cemetery & Village	0.00		Total	£17,135.65
250.00	Footpaths	47.04			
1350.00	General Expenses	161.05			
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	558.09			
-10.70	Actual Surplus/Deficit	5765.61			

Finances approved by Cllr Redfern seconded by Cllr Hughes.

Annual accounts are on the website and accounts have been sent to the auditors.

5 Planning

DM/21/01533/FPA – Lowfield Farm – erection of an agricultural general purpose storage and service workshop building – no comments

DM/20/03672/VOCMW – Kilmond Wood Quarry Boldron – variation of condition 19 (working hours) – no comments

6. **Correspondence**

Nothing to report

7. **Cemetery & Village maintenance**

Chris Stamp has quoted £150.00 to take care of the flower bed next to the play part, 4 visits per year in the growing season. Approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

Cllr Hughes has renewed, painted & refilled the buckets near the bus stop. He has spent in the region of £75. Cllr Hughes to send receipts to Clerk to be reimbursed. Clerk to write to parishioners for donating paint for the bench, for painting the planters and for regularly cutting the grass by the bus shelter.

Approval has been sought for additional script to be added to Beryl Wrights headstone

Also

Arthur Whitehead Wright

A dear husband, father and grandfather

Died 29th December 2020 aged 92 years

Reunited.

Approved

We have also received a request for a plaque in the graveyard at St Giles. It will match the size of the others and say;- It is Bowes and Gilmonby cemetery not St Giles

In loving memory of Ronald Christopher Carrell

Arts administrator, editor, publisher and artist

Born Barnard Castle 9 March 1941, died Portsmouth 13 April 2021

Son of Enid Hutchins, formerly Carrell, nee Brown, of Bowes, and Pilot Officer Ronald Mark Carrell, of Sunderland; loving father, grandfather, husband, brother

Placed here by his children, Severin, Shanna and Lucy

We will also be arranging to have the other two plaques cleaned, once cleaned a clear acrylic varnish can be added to protect them.

Approved. Clerk to send invoice and instructions to send the plaque, screws and rawl plugs to Cllr Hughes who will put it up.

We started our meeting this evening in the cemetery to look at the trees, it has been decided to drastically cut the trees on the west side of the steps along to the wall in October November after permission has been sought, as a starting point.

8 **Allotments**

Charles Raine has replied – the Chairman of the Lords in Trust who has responded in the positive on the condition that all consents are obtained in regard to Planning and Highways and there is actually a need to install another gate.

The gate is required for the 3 allotments at the north end of the field. The temporary stile that we provided is now unsafe and has never been suitable for wheelbarrow access. We will ensure that the width of the gate is no more than 3 feet and that the walls are properly finished on either side. The gate will be close to where the stile is now. The allotment holders will be completing the work, Cllr Carlisle will meet them on site. Cllr Hughes has confirmed that highways consent is not needed.

One of the allotment holders has moved out of Bowes, he must formally return his plot, we have a waiting list. Clerk to e-mail him and the first person on the waiting list.

9 Play Park

Cllr Redfern has no issues at present.

10 Parish Paths

Nothing to report.

11 AOB

English Heritage – the Castle sign has dropped off, we have tried to get it back up but it has fallen to the ground due to rotting clips. One of our councillors have offered to put it up free of charge if you just send the fittings.

Note – residents at the far end of Bowes parish on the west bound reservation now have to travel to Brough to turn Eastwood under the highways guidance due to closure of the turning places due to road works

Meeting closed at 9.32

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