

# Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council

## held at Bowes School on 16th May 2023

The meeting commenced at 7.5

### 1. Present

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

### 2. Apologies

3.

### Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Tipping.

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

The bench has been sited by Cllr Tipping. One of our Parishioners said it was a great idea for people to be able to stop for a rest and admire the view but was wondering if there was going to be a handrail installed soon as it is a hazard at the moment to climb and descend the steps without one. Cllr Tipping to get some prices to put in a handrail.

The school children of Bowes have received a coronation mug, and Cllr Hughes has sold additional mugs to parishioners.

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

Receipts since last meeting £11.37 interest £100.00 Coronation Grant from Durham County Council £350.00 G Brownless £80.00 WM Allison & Sons.

Expenses since last meeting £350.00 Shorts Associates (coronation mugs) £61.10 CDALC annual membership fee £270.00 A R Toward for grass cutting (2 cuts).

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet				As at 28/04/2023	
Year to 31st March 2024					
Budget	Income			Cumulative Total	
£ 108.00	Allotments	0.00		Bank as at 31st March 2023	£9,925.03
£ 10.00	Bank Interest	11.37			
£ 700.00	Cemetery & Village	455.00		Income y/e 31st March 2024	£6,341.37
£ -	Footpaths	0.00		Expenses y/e 31st March 2024	-£415.00
£ -	General Income	0.00		Total	£15,851.40
£ 200.00	Grants	100.00			
£ 5,775.00	Precept D.C.C.	5775.00		Represented by	
£ -	Playground	0.00		Nat West a/c - 21543798	£15,651.40
£ -	Publications	0.00		Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
£ 100.00	Vat Refund	0.00		Uncleared movements	
£ 170.00	West Clint Field	0.00		Total	£15,851.40
£ 7,063.00	Total Income	6341.37			
	Expenses				
£ 400.00	Allotments	350.00		Petty Cash	£0.00
£ 2,000.00	Grant Expenditure	0.00		Total	£15,851.40
£ 200.00	Cemetery & Village	0.00			
£ 500.00	Footpaths	0.00			
£ 1,400.00	General Expenses	65.00			
£ 550.00	Grass Cutting	0.00			
£ 2,000.00	Insurance	0.00			
£ 400.00	Clerks salary	0.00			
£ 100.00	PAYE	0.00			
£ 100.00	Playground	0.00			
£ 100.00	VAT	0.00			
£ 7,650.00	Total Expenses	415.00			
£ 587.00	Actual Surplus/Deficit	5926.37			

Accounts approved by Cllr Tipping and Cllr Redfern

Year-end accounts approved by Butler & Gee, they will go onto our website shortly.

Risk Assessments and standing orders were reviewed, it was agreed that they are still fit for purpose.

## 5 **Planning**

DM/23/00936FPA Havelock House, -Garage resubmissions – no objections

DM/23/00017/FPA – Land & buildings north of High Barn, Kilmond Wood Farm – change of use of land and buildings from agricultural to agricultural and commercial for parking/storage of commercial vehicles and equipment – refused

DM/23/00687/PNT – Icon Tower Infrastructure Ltd – Kilmond Wood Quarry. The installation of a new 30m lattice mast, 12 no antennas over 2no headframes and associated works including a 2.4m high perimeter compound and 7no equipment cabins. – refusal of approval

## 6. **Correspondence**

Jonathan Wallis has been in contact with Highways to let them know that he is acting on our behalf. He has spoken to the team project managing the investigation works and explained that he will be preparing a claim following works for any damages and losses suffered. They have accepted this. Once the works have been completed, he will then undertake an inspection and assess our losses then submit a claim.

We have received confirmation from Andrew Blanckley, a senior engineer from Highway Assets at Durham County Council that the bus turning circle comes under the ownership of National Highways, formerly Highways England. This information was passed onto Angela Drasdo.

Nicola Gill, a Safer Communities team leader working for Durham County Council wrote the letter below:-

As you may be aware, it has been necessary to review the provision of porta-toilets at Temporary Stop Over Area's this year.

Consideration has been given to several factors, including supplier availability, cost, and logistics (in terms of facilitating the delivery/cleaning/collection of the unit), as well as the impact of having no facilities and the subsequent concerns around public toileting.

The decision was made to explore the possibility of having a batch of toilets delivered to each of the TSOA's for shared use, for the entire duration that the TSOA's are available (4 weeks).

However, enquiries with DCC's contracted supplier have confirmed that they can only guarantee the hire of 12 units over this period. It has therefore been decided that these units will be distributed between Shaw Bank (10 units) and Winston Corner (2 units).

I will continue to review the situation in a bid to secure toilets for the remaining TSOA's; however, this cannot be guaranteed and will be dependent upon units becoming available with the supplier.

Should you wish to discuss further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Clerk went back to Nicola asking that at least one Portaloo should be situated at Bowes after the mess that was left last year. Nicola replied that our concerns are noted, however the toilet order for Shaw

Bank has already been processed. Nicola will continue to work with the relevant services to secure further units where possible, with Bowes being a priority location.

Cllr Tipping is also meeting with Angela Drasco regarding the turning circle and the issues that occurred last year.

Cllr Tipping is attending a meeting tomorrow regarding the survey works in Bowes with reference to the A66.

McGarry & Co solicitors have sent an agreement to sign to complete the sale. Cllr Carlisle and Hughes have taken this home to read and sign, if correct.

## **7 Cemetery & Village maintenance**

A parishioner has kindly tidied up the flower tubs in the village, our thanks. Malc has cut the grass by the bus shelter, thank you.

## **8 Allotments –**

Councillors inspected the allotments as planned. There have been some improvements since the last inspection.

Cllr Hughes has chipped the trimmings from the elderberries. There is a mound of soil and rubbish which needs attention, Cllr Hughes will ask Raymond to clear it.

## **9 Play Park**

No issues

## **10 Parish Paths**

Nothing to report.

## **11 AOB**

Meeting closed at 20.15 It was felt the above would have a positive effect.