

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School on 10th January 2023

The meeting commenced at 7.30

Present

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

1. **Apologies**

2.

Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 13th December 2022 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

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

There is an accumulation of leaves, debris and rotting vegetation at each side of the roadside leading down to the cut that are encroaching into the road by approximately 1 meter on each side. Cllr Hughes logged this issue with "Do it online", the case reference is FS-Case -468104434. Clerk raised another ticket FS Case 44626791 as the sweeper had no effect and it hasn't improved the situation. Clerk to e-mail Michael Murden the following:-

There is an accumulation of leaves, debris and rotting vegetation at each side of the roadside leading down to the cut that are encroaching into the road by approximately 1 meter on each side. This will of course lead to blocked drains causing the bridge to flood. Cllr Hughes logged this issue with "Do it online", the case reference is FS-Case -468104434. Although the Council have been up with the sweeper, it hasn't improved the situation. The drain is still overflowing on the west side and the water is running across the road making the conditions dangerous. Highways have said that this has now been completed and the case closed. Clerk to re-open the case, there are so many leaves and debris that it is past a sweeper as the drains are blocked. We think that it is the interconnecting pipe that is blocked, and feel it needs rodding/jetting at least down to the bend.

Cllr White reported an issue on the bridge on footpath number 9, East & West low field. Cllr Hughes logged it on "Do it online" FS -468104156 Highways reference for the repairs to the bridge. We have had the following reply from Mike Murden:-

Our bridges inspector has been on site and concluded that the whole structure could fail unexpectedly and is in need of replacement. As such, he's requested that we close the footpath until that is done, which I've put into motion. We'll get signs up to advise it's closed.

The bridge itself, whilst looking like a county structure is not actually on our structures list. We're not sure of the history on it, so if anyone on the parish recalls anything about it that would be good to hear. We know that some work was carried out under P3 funding back in 2011/12 but that's about it.

Emergency plan – Cllr Carlisle will speak to the Chairman of the village hall about putting a jack to a generator to start the heating in the village hall. There are plenty of generators in the village to start it off. It might be possibly for the Parish Council to purchase a gas water boiler for tea and some large gas stoves for heating tinned food.

Commemorative mugs - Clerks and Councils direct are quoting £6.50 per mug, our usual supplier Shorts will charge less than £5.00 per mug. Cllr Hughes to organise the purchase of the mugs to go to the all the children in Bowes school at the beginning of the summer term. Cllr Hughes to offer mugs to parishioners at cost plus basis via social media.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £9.52 interest

Expenses since last meeting £1,950.00 P & E J Simpsons – phase 2

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet				As at 06/01/2023	
Year to 31st March 2023					
Budget	Income			Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	245.00		Bank as at 31st March 2022	£12,218.15
1.00	Bank Interest	32.30		Income y/e 31st March 2023	£7,070.38
450.00	Cemetery & Village	690.04		Expenses y/e 31st March 2023	-£4,658.07
0.00	Footpaths	0.00		Total	£14,630.46
0.00	General Income	50.00		Represented by	
200.00	Grants	0.00		Nat West a/c - 21543798	£14,430.46
5611.20	Precept D.C.C.	5584.00		Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
0.00	Playground	0.00		Uncleared movements	
0.00	Publications	0.00		Total	£14,630.46
600.00	Vat Refund	469.04			
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00			
7140.20	Total Income	7070.38			
	Expenses				
300.00	Allotments	350.00		Petty Cash	£0.00
1700.00	Cemetery & Village	0.00		Total	£14,630.46
0.00	Footpaths	0.00			
250.00	General Expenses	1076.35			
1400.00	Grass Cutting	1255.00			
550.00	Insurance	546.60			
1600.00	Clerks salary	1068.00			
400.00	PAYE	267.00			
200.00	Playground	65.10			
600.00	VAT	30.02			
7000.00	Total Expenses	4658.07			
140.20	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	2412.31			

Revised budget accepted for 2023-2024, additional work has taken place in the cemetery in this financial year therefore next years budget looks healthier than previously forecast.

Finances approved by Cllr Tipping, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

5 Planning

DM/22/03787/DRC – Cow Close Barn, discharge of condition 6 (windows and doors) pursuant to permission DM/14/03545/FPA -no comments

6. Correspondence

Northern Powergrid arrived, dug a hole, but due to temperatures being so low they were unable to complete the work. They have back filled the hole and will have to come back to complete the re-enforced supply.

7 Cemetery & Village maintenance

PE Simpson offered a reduced price to do phase 3 whilst he was at the cemetery with the chipper. Price for phase 3 is £1,500.00. A parishioner complained to Simpsons regarding the smoke, they have an environmental licence to burn wood on site and permission from the Parish Council. Simpsons let the fire burn out. The Clerk hasn't had any complaints.

Clerk to confirm that the plaque requested must be in brass and it must be in the size we gave in centimetres to match all the others.

8 Allotments –

The allotment rules were reviewed and amended, clerk to re-type rules for final review at next months meeting to go out to the allotment holders for consultation.

9 **Play Park**

No issues

10 **Parish Paths**

Nothing to report.

11 **AOB**

Meeting dates agreed and set for the parish meeting and the AGM.

Meeting closed at 20.33

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