

**Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council
held at Bowes School Wednesday 14th September 2016**

The meeting commenced at 7.15pm

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

1. **Apologies** None

2. **Minutes** of the Meeting held Wednesday 15th July 2016 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Wake, seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

3. **Matters arising** (unless dealt with later in the agenda)
Grant application has been completed and sent in, the total claimed was £676.50. This total included the wage costs to set up the website plus the laptop & scanner.

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

Receipts since last meeting £216.00 3Ps £129.80 Heart of Teesdale DCC – Strimming contribution £1.29 Interest £50.00 William Allinson £197.00 Brownless & Sons
Expenses since last meeting ££70.00 & £88.00 Toby Leetham £520 Helen Overfield £130 HMRC £511.15 Zurich Insurance.

Budget		Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet		As at 31st August 2016	
		Year to 31st March 2017			
Income	Income			Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	0.00		Bank as at 31st March 2016	£10,766.73
6.00	Bank Interest	3.15		Income y/e 31st March 2017	£6,264.32
600.00	Cemetery	1078.50		Expenses y/e 31st March 2017	-£2,264.50
708.00	Footpaths	0.00		Total	£14,766.55
4070.00	General Income	0.00		Represented by	
596.87	Grants	324.16		Nat West a/c - 21543798	£15,231.05
170.00	Precept D.C.C.	4070.00		Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
6258.87	Playground	0.00		Uncleared movements	-£664.50
	Publications	0.00		Total	£14,766.55
	Vat Refund	618.51			
	West Clint Field	170.00		Petty Cash	104.36
	Total Income	6264.32		Total	14870.91
Expenses	Expenses				
250.00	Allotments	0.00			
1000.00	Cemetery	760.50			
300.00	Footpaths	0.00			
250.00	General Expense	329.10			
960.00	Grass Cutting	0.00			
650.00	Insurance	0.00			
1660.00	Clerks salary	906.90			
415.00	PAYE	226.60			
200.00	Playground	0.00			
5685.00	VAT	41.40			
	Total Expenses	2264.50			
573.87					

Finance approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Brown.

Our external audit has been completed with no queries or comments. The notice of conclusion is ready to go onto the notice board.

2017/18 Budget setting information from DCC. DCC are forecasting an increase in our precept of £7.28

5. **Planning**

Mr Robert Tiplady – The Barn Broates Farm – Conversion of agricultural building to residential dwelling including new vehicular access. –No observations.

Kilmonwood Quarry – Clerk to contact planning – We have no observations on the working or restoration scheme as such, but consider that a 10 year extension would be preferable at this time, ie consented reserve of 2.5 million tonnes.

6. **Correspondence**

Extension for free heating scheme has been extended, notice has been approved for notice board.

7. **Cemetery & Village maintenance**

Head stone approved for Andrew Christopher Dent in August.

Grave stone approved for Elsie Elizabeth Tarn by Cllr Hughes & Cllr Wake.

Additional inscription for Margaret Robinson was approved by Cllr Brown & Cllr White.

Grass is looking good.

8 **Allotments**

Cllr Hughes has given up his allotment and it has been taken over by Mr Paul Clare. The tenancy agreement has been returned and we received the £3.00 rent on 6th September. Mr Clare has asked for permission to erect a shed (10' x 6') and poly tunnel (15' x 12). Approval was granted for both items, clerk to contact Mr Clare and let him know that when he finishes his tenancy they must be removed from site unless he negotiates something with the new tenant.

Cllr Brown gave Cllr Carlisle a key for the shed, another copy is to be given to Toby Leetham.

Clerk has contacted Nick about his allotment as it is covered in thistles, he wishes to keep it will sort it out soon.

Mr Todhunter has asked if we can chase up the Lords in Trust as it has been over a year since our last correspondence regarding the walls. Clerk to contact Mr C Raine to ascertain if any progress has been made regarding the repairs.

9 **Play Park**

Clerk to book an inspection at the cost of £195.00, approved by Cllr Brown, seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

Clerk to contact Steven Ragg, who can other councils recommend?

The service gate in the fence has been slid open and left again. Cllr Brown to permanently fasten it in a closed position.

10 **Parish Paths**

Monies have been received by the PPP and from the Heart of Teesdale. The Bull banks path looks good.

11 **AOB**

Parishioners have complimented our tubs, and asked for more. Clerk to contact Toby Leetham and commend him on all his hard work particularly with the tubs and the flower garden.

The wild seed planted around Durham County has been very successful, clerk to see if we can get a 25kg bag for our verge ways.

Food for thought—There is no pathway down to Bowes Caste, and the area in front of the cemetery gates could possibly have a hard standing for parking cars.

Meeting closed at 8.50

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