

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School Wednesday 12th June 2019

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Wake
2. **Minutes of the Meeting** held Wednesday 8th May 2019 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Hughes.
3. **Matters arising** (unless dealt with later in the agenda)
 Cllr Hughes has dropped the letter into Barclays bank to yet again try and change the clerks address to Helens. Clerk to contract DCC again, the site where the compound was when the thrust boring work was being completed, needs levelling, it was grassed but is now a muddy heap and should be returned to the state in which it was found.
 Cllr White has got some quotes for the cost of a recycled bench to go onto the Clint. For a small bench it would be in the region of £350.00 plus vat including flag stones. The parish council is happy to carry out the installation. Cllrs to see if any parishioner would like to purchase the seat. Clerk to ask for sponsors for a memorial seat, interested persons to contact clerk, usual methods.
4. **Finance & Accounts – See summary below**
 Receipts since last meeting £929.33 VAT refund £26.50 W Smith inscription £2.33 interest
 Expenses since last meeting £435.30 H Overfield wages £108.60 HMRC £300.00 Youngs

	Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet		As at 31st May 2019	
Budget	Year to 31st March 2019			
Income	Income		Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	170.00	Bank as at 31st March 2019 £9,049.63	
10.00	Bank Interest	4.48	Income y/e 31st March 2020 £6,455.81	
200.00	Cemetery & Village	150.00	Expenses y/e 31st March 2020 -£1,335.87	
0.00	Footpaths	0.00	Total £14,169.57	
0.00	General Income	0.00	Represented by	
100.00	Grants	0.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798 £13,969.57	
5202.00	Precept D.C.C.	5202.00	Nat West a/c - 015102553 £200.00	
	Playground	0.00	Uncleared movements	
	Publications	0.00	Total £14,169.57	
929.33	Vat Refund	929.33	Petty Cash 64.97	
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00	Total 14234.54	
6719.33	Total Income	6455.81		
Expenses	Expenses			
300.00	Allotments	350.00		
	Grant Exp	0.00		
2100.00	Cemetery & Village	212.40		
	Footpaths	0.00		
250.00	General Expenses	243.47		
1000.00	Grass Cutting	0.00		
650.00	Insurance	0.00		
1600.00	Clerks salary	424.00		
400.00	PAYE	106.00		
400.00	Playground	0.00		
200.00	VAT	0.00		
6900.00	Total Expenses	1335.87		
-180.67	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	5119.94		

Finances approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

Vat claim has been paid.

Accounts are available to view on the website.

5 Planning

East Pasture End Farm Stainmore Road Bowes Barnard Castle DL12 9RH

Change of use of land and buildings from agriculture to a haulage and contractors yard (Use Class B8), with ancillary workshop and car parking. Re-alignment of internal access arrangements – approved

Land at Pundergill Farm Rutherford Lane Bowes Barnard Castle DL12 9SS

Installation of a single 100kw wind turbine on a 21.1m monopole mast (34.2m to blade tip) – no comment

Prospect house – biomass boiler – no objections

6. Correspondence

Meeting dates for the public consultation of the A66 project have been sent, approved for the notice board.

Close & sons sent a letter as the current proposal will mean that the only entrance to their premises will be through Bowes via the roundabout at the bottom of the village. Their site is used by over 15 hauliers plus local farmers with the majority of these vehicles being either articulated lorries or rigid and trailer combinations with a gross weight of 44 tonnes. They are concerned about the number of vehicles that would need to travel around the roundabout, the number of vehicles which are parked near the roundabout and also the children playing around this area which is close to the village play park. All councillors felt that they can support the retention of the east bound slip road. There will be a representative at the meetings at the Witham Hall who will discuss this and also ask how the parishioners from Bowes will get to Barnard Castle when the work is being completed. Cllr Tipping will put forward our concerns/points. Clerk to write to MJ Close, stating that we can support the retention of the east bound slip road.

Cllr Wake has done some weeding and a parishioner has offered to trim the area beside the bus shelter.

The Rifles regiment have sent information on their upcoming open day in Durham for the notice board.

7. Cemetery & Village maintenance

Raymond hasn't completed the wall in the cemetery yet, Cllr Carlisle will meet with him to discuss exactly what is needed.

Cllr Hughes has offered to clear the weeds from the field for Cllr Tipping, £200.00 is now due.

Cllr Wake has spent several hours weeding the garden by the play park and a parishioner has offered to trim the area beside the bus stop.

Clerk to contact DCC and CA Stamp to get a price for the grass cutting and flower bed maintenance for next year.

8 Allotments

Cllr Hughes has found some interesting documents, he has gone back to the original award and two pieces of land were given up to allotments to the overseas of the poor, the predecessors of the parish council. The allotment agreement was signed in ignorance of this fact. The landowners should have known about this historic arrangement for the allotments and we feel it is worth pursuing. Cllr Carlisle has told Richard Wilson we will get a copy of the original document and take things from there. Cllr Hughes offered to go to the archives at Durham County Council.

9 Play Park

Cllr Redfern has completed his monthly inspection – no issues to report. Grass has been cut today, in the rain so it looks a mess.

10 Parish Paths

A stile at Mid Lowfield Farm needs repairing, Cllr White will take a look and see what options are available.

11 AOB

Cllr White was hoping to donate £20.00 to Bowes Show again, this was turned down due to restricted funds.

Clerk to log with DCC

Blocked drain on the south side of the main street, Unicorn View, Cllr Hughes has put this onto "Maintain your Streets" but they have the location wrong.

Meeting closed at 8.30

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