

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council

held at Bowes School on 14th November 2023

Present

Cllr Carlisle, Cllr White, Cllr White and Mrs H Overfield.

1. Apologies

Cllr Hughes and Tipping.

2.

Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 19th September 2023 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr White.

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

Cllr Carlisle has spoken to Raymond Watson about the east allotment wall, work to be completed next year.

Clerk has contacted John Alderson at Durham County Council for some advice about the trees in the playpark, he reported back "All of the trees were found to be in a satisfactory condition and no work has been recommended".

The Thursday Morning coffee group has confirmed that they will donate £300.00 towards a bench with arms for the playground. A 100% recycled Captains Bench is £340.00 plus VAT. Clerk to order this, it will need a base.

Our application for funding from the Northern Powergrid Foundation Fund Launch has been unsuccessful.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £45.74 Interest September, £49.27 interest October £12.00 allotment rent.

Expenses since last meeting £396.00 RB Watson (concrete work at the Clint)

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet				As at 05/11/2023	
Year to 31st March 2024					
Budget	Income			Cumulative Total	
£ 108.00	Allotments	£ 12.00		Bank as at 31st March 2023	£9,925.03
£ 10.00	Bank Interest	£ 190.55		Income y/e 31st March 2024	£34,368.55
£ 700.00	Cemetery & Village	£ 655.00		Expenses y/e 31st March 2024	-£5,265.53
£ -	Footpaths	£ -		Total	£39,028.05
£ -	General Income	£ 27,416.00		Represented by	
£ 200.00	Grants	£ 100.00		Nat West a/c - 21543798	£38,828.05
£ 5,775.00	Precept D.C.C.	£ 5,775.00		Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
£ -	Playground	£ -		Uncleared movements	
£ -	Publications	£ -		Total	£39,028.05
£ 100.00	Vat Refund	£ -			
£ 170.00	West Clint Field	£ 220.00			
£ 7,063.00	Total Income	£ 34,368.55			
	Expenses				
£ 400.00	Allotments	£ 350.00		Petty Cash	£0.00
£ 2,000.00	Grant Expenditure	£ -		Total	£39,028.05
£ 200.00	Cemetery & Village	£ 376.19			
£ 500.00	Footpaths	£ -			
£ 1,400.00	General Expenses	£ 1,296.10			
£ 550.00	Grass Cutting	£ 1,080.00			
£ 2,000.00	Insurance	£ 568.54			
£ 400.00	Clerks salary	£ 1,023.60			
£ 100.00	PAYE	£ 255.80			
£ 100.00	Playground	£ 66.72			
£ 7,650.00	VAT	£ 248.58			
	Total Expenses	£ 5,265.53			
£ 587.00	Actual Surplus/Deficit	£ 29,103.02			

Accounts approved by Cllr Carlisle, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

Precept –It was agreed unanimously to increase band D by £1.00 per household. This would give us a total Precept of £6,099.60

5 Planning

DM/23/03115/PNA – Bowes Cross Farm – prior notification for erection of a polytunnel.

6. Correspondence

We have received a letter from National Highways stating “the decision deadline for the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project has been extended until 7th March202

One of our parishioners have reported a broken stile on the Swineham down to bull banks.

Clerk to contact Go Fibre “It has come to our attention that the stile has been damaged by machinery owned by yourselves whilst you were installing fibre optic cables. Can you please let me know if you would like to repair this using your own staff or if you would prefer me to invoice you for the cost of repair. What 3 words – Scribble prom props”. (Emailed 19/11/2023)

7 Cemetery & Village maintenance

We have received a request for a memorial to be places for Mr John William Bain in white marble, “in loving memory of John William Bain, Brother of Marjorie & Gordon, Nephew of Steven Died 27th December 2021 aged 80 years”. This request has come from Teesdale memorials - approved
Plaque for the garden of remembrance for Gerald Atkinson - approved.

8 Allotments –

Clerk to offer the soon to be vacant plot to the next person on the list. If it is too big we can split it in half to make 2 smaller plots. (Emailed Alicia 19/11/2023)

Charles Raine from Youngs has replied to our e-mail stating the rent will be back dated to April 22 per our agreement, however we still haven’t received the invoice.

9 Play Park

No issues to report.

10 Parish Paths

Nothing to report

11 AOB

Meeting closed at 20.25 It was felt the above would have a positive effect.