

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School Wednesday 11th December 2019

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

1. **Apologies:**

2. **Minutes of the Meeting** held Wednesday 13th November 2019 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Hughes.

3. **Matters arising** (unless dealt with later in the agenda)
DCC said they didn't put the springs on the gates at the Desmesnes, it was Barnard Castle Parish Council. The clerk from Barnard Castle Parish Council said DCC did them, but they were considering having them replaced as the bollard retracts into the ground and the lock silts up. Similarly, the gate is cumbersome. We think we are talking at cross wires, someone will go and take a look at the gates.
Clerk contacted DCC regarding temporary signs that say, "Please take your litter home, penalty £150.00". Two signs have been delivered.

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

Receipts since last meeting £1.91 interest £84.00 allotment rent
Expenses since last meeting £400.00 H Overfield wages £99.80 HMRC

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet		As at 30th November 2019	
Year to 31st March 2019			
Budget			
Income	Income	Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments 248.00	Bank as at 31st March 2019	£9,049.63
10.00	Bank Interest 17.27	Income y/e 31st March 2020	£6,979.60
200.00	Cemetery & Village 583.00	Expenses y/e 31st March 2020	-£4,409.89
0.00	Footpaths 0.00	Total	£11,619.34
0.00	General Income 0.00	Represented by	
100.00	Grants 0.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798	£11,377.34
5202.00	Precept D.C.C. 5202.00	Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
	Playground 0.00	Uncleared movements	£42.00
	Publications 0.00	Total	£11,619.34
929.33	Vat Refund 929.33		
170.00	West Clint Field 0.00		
6719.33	Total Income 6979.60		
Expenses	Expenses		
300.00	Allotments 600.00	Petty Cash	170.97
	Grant Exp 0.00	Total	11790.31
2100.00	Cemetery & Village 358.54		
	Footpaths 0.00		
250.00	General Expenses 243.47		
1000.00	Grass Cutting 1050.00		
650.00	Insurance 534.18		
1600.00	Clerks salary 1259.30		
400.00	PAYE 314.40		
400.00	Playground 0.00		
200.00	VAT 50.00		
6900.00	Total Expenses 4409.89		
-180.67	Actual Surplus/Deficiet 2569.71		

Bank statements were seen by councillors to prove balances reported are correct.

Finances approved by Cllr Tipping, seconded by Cllr Wake.

- 5 Planning**
Hylton Barn, Bowes – Variation of condition 2 -to consider design alterations – no objections
Agricultural Building at Sleightholme Farm – alterations to Dutch barn and associated hardstanding – no change of use.
Ancient Unicorn – discharge of conditions 3 – materials, joinery details, gutters, hard surfacing, rooflights, archaeology and contaminated land – approved
Ancient Unicorn – fell 1 Sycamore tree – application withdrawn.
- 6. Correspondence**
Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments consultation completed online.
Support for the Armed Forces – flyer to go in the notice board.
- 7. Cemetery & Village maintenance**
Approved grave stone for Mr & Mrs White.
- 8 Allotments**
Only 2 outstanding debts, clerk has chased again.
We have received a reply from Youngs after taking advice from their lawyer;-
- The Lords in Trust have asked me to state to you that under The Finance Act 1910 the owners are listed as The Freeholders of the Manor of Bowes being the Lords in Trust and the tenant being Bowes Parish Council. The Parish Council have paid a rent for over 100 years and the action at law would confirm that position. To reiterate, the Lords in Trust therefore do not consider the agreement we have entered, or any part of it, to be invalid and they do not agree to the suggested rent reduction. Please therefore continue to pay the rent agreed. We have incurred significant costs in relation to this matter and now consider it closed.
- 9 Play Park**
No issues to report from Cllr Redfern.
- 10 Parish Paths**
Nothing new to report
- 11 AOB**

Clerk to send a sympathy card to the wife of a parishioner, who carried out voluntary work for the Parish

Meeting closed at 8.45

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