

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held via Zoom on 4th June 2020

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present

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

1. Apologies

Cllr White

2. Minutes of the Meeting

held Wednesday 11th March 2020 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Redfern

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

Amendments have been made to our standing orders as recommended by NCAL to allow virtual meetings to be held during the pandemic. Approved unanimously

Cllr Carlisle asked if everyone was happy that he and Phil Hughes continue as Chair and Vice Chair as no General Annual meeting has been held, everyone was in favour.

The accounts have been approved by Cllr Hughes and Cllr Redfern. Cllr Carlisle will now sign them off and the Clerk can send them to Butler and Gee. The annual governance statement was also agreed.

Appleby Fair was cancelled and DCC closed all temporary stopover areas and TAP meetings.

Trees have been surveyed in Bowes by Northern Powergrid electricity network.

A Parishioner has rang back about a tree which is damaging a headstone, this was reported previously but we have been unable to do any work due to Covid 19, I explained this to her.

Grant approved for £236.00 for the new seat.

Clerk has been updating the website with information from DCC to support the residents of Bowes

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting

Expenses since last meeting £180.00 C A Stamp £66.22 CDAL annual invoice £424.88 H Overfield
£106.00 HMRC £360.00 CA Stamp (second invoice for two cuts)

Year to 31st March 2021			
Budget	Income		Cumulative Total
108.00	Allotments	0.00	Bank as at 31st March 2020
10.00	Bank Interest	2.52	£10,636.20
350.00	Cemetery & Village	0.00	
0.00	Footpaths	0.00	
0.00	General Income	0.00	Income y/e 31st March 2021
200.00	Grants	0.00	£5,555.92
5202.00	Precept D.C.C.	5288.00	Expenses y/e 31st March 2021
	Playground	0.00	£-£246.22
	Publications	0.00	Total
100.00	Vat Refund	95.40	£15,945.90
170.00	West Clint Field	170.00	
6140.00	Total Income	5555.92	Represented by
			Nat West a/c - 21543798
			£15,992.12
			Nat West a/c - 015102553
			£200.00
			Uncleared movements
			£-£246.22
			Total
			£15,945.90
	Expenses		
350.00	Allotments	0.00	Petty Cash
1200.00	Grant Exp	0.00	£176.97
	Cemetery & Village	0.00	
	Footpaths	0.00	Total
250.00	General Expenses	66.22	£16,122.87
1050.00	Grass Cutting	150.00	
650.00	Insurance	0.00	
1600.00	Clerks salary	0.00	
400.00	PAYE	0.00	
400.00	Playground	0.00	
200.00	VAT	30.00	
6100.00	Total Expenses	246.22	

It was proposed that the clerk is given permission to make payments to normal outgoing up to £400.00 with exception of the usual insurance costs until we are able to meet again. Proposed by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Wake.

Finances approved by Cllr Tipping, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

5 Planning

Jock House Barn – prior notification for erection of agricultural livestock building – no comments
Greta View Barn, Low road – conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling with associated vehicle access - approved

6. Correspondence

We received information from Matthew Townsend regarding the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project Team. It was discussed and the following to be sent:-

“The Parish Council have discussed the Highways England document laying out their preferences for the dualling of the A66 Trunk Road and note with concern that it is proposed to close the Westbound slip road at the East end of the village near to Stone Bridge Farm. This exit is used by many locally operated HGVs to access a weighbridge and the closure of that slip road would mean that these vehicles have to make a double journey into Bowes village and then East along Low Road before returning to continue their journey Westbound or Eastbound.

If this exit slip were to remain open then there would be fewer opportunities for conflict at the mini-roundabout at the West End of the village and a reduction in future traffic noise suffered by residents along Low Road. The Parish Council is content that the Westbound on-slip at this location should be closed as it recognises the hazard of heavy slow-moving traffic entering a high speed limit at this point. The Eastbound junction will, of course, be closed. The Parish Council do though compare this action with a similar recent Planning Application to which Highways England raised no objection where an Operating Centre for multiple HGVs was not objected to on an Eastbound high speed downhill section of the A66 at East Pasture End Farm where no slip road at all has been required.

A further consideration that the Parish Council has been alerted to is the possibility that the section of the former A66 between Stone Bridge Farm and the village will probably be targeted around the time of Appleby Fair, mid-May to late June, in a similar manner to the land adjacent to the former Punchbowl Inn at North Stainmore which always attracts 30 or more living trailers and towing vehicles as well as numerous grazing horses.

One of our Councillors has received correspondence from Highways England which refers to the demolition and reconstruction of both Clint Bridge and the A67 overbridge to accommodate the proposed new East and Westbound dual carriageways and the associated on and off slip roads and the Council would be appreciative if any proposed designs or options are shared with them as soon as possible in the design process so that they can bring local knowledge to those designs in order to avoid the accidents and near-accidents that regularly occur on the present road where the Eastbound A66 carriageway is reduced from 2 lanes to one lane and late lane changes are a daily occurrence. “

7. Cemetery & Village maintenance

Mr Stamp has done several cuts and it looks very good.

Cllr Hughes is going to clean and re-stain the benches in the cemetery as well as spraying the nettles again.

Cllr Hughes and his wife have volunteered to cut the Yew trees in the bottom of the cemetery and put up an arch to make it easier to keep tidy, Cllr Hughes is going to donate the items as well as their time.

Cllr Carlisle will ask Raymond to fix the gap in the wall.

Cllr Hughes and his wife have done the planters in the village.

A parishioner has done the strimming on the grass crete and has offered to continue to do this.

8 Allotments

A Parishioner has taken half of Callum's plot, paperwork has been sent for signing. Cllr Carlisle has approved the erection of a 2 x 2m hut on the new allotment, this was done under Emergency Powers due to Covid as there have been no meetings since March.

Youngs now appreciate that they do not own any of the 3 parcels of land in question.

Agreement – We have received a letter from the solicitors that said, “we may have cause to lower the rent Fixed Fee of £295.00 for the allotments, but there would of course be a cost”. There was a vote and it was decided to take no further action as the cost was likely to be more than the saving. Clerk to inform Charles Raine of Youngs as follows:-

We are not taking any further action but we want you to take out the following section in full:-
Not to assign underlet or otherwise part with the possession of the said premises or any part thereof other than to sub-let to Allotment Tenants.

And to remove the following section in “The Landlord Provided – one breach by the Tenant of any of the agreements or conditions herein contained or of the Tenant becoming bankrupt or compounding with his creditors or giving a bill of sale of any effects.

9 Play Park

The playpark has been locked during the Corona Virus.

10 Parish Paths

Cllr White has contacted our contractor, but the work was not completed by the end of March. We are hoping that the grant period will be extended due to the pandemic.

11 AOB

The Clerk will continue to prepare monthly accounts. In the event of an emergency the Chair or Clerk can call a Zoom meeting for the time being. Hopefully we will be able to meet again soon.

Meeting closed at 8.22

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