

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School on 2nd November 2021

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present

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

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 5th October agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Hughes.

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

Flower garden – clerk spoke to Mr Stamp. Mr Stamp has been to look at the flowerbed and will get it sorted properly. The work has not been completed as of today, his invoice will continue to remain on hold.

LED retrofit programme – Bowes is part of the refit for this financial year. However, there are worldwide issues with the supply of electronic components. This has resulted in delays in lantern deliveries from their supplier and impacted on their installation programme. It is therefore very difficult to provide a precise timescale. Darren Hubbard.

Helen Pressley from Jonathan Wallis CS Limited has agreed to represent us with our discussions with Highways England. Highways England will pay the solicitor directly.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £0.12 interest £15.00 Bambridge Bros

Expenses since last meeting £

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet				As at 27/10/2021	
Year to 31st March 2022					
Budget	Income			Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	170.00		Bank as at 31st March 2021	£11,370.04
1.00	Bank Interest	0.80		Income y/e 31st March 2022	£6,897.74
350.00	Cemetery & Village	505.00		Expenses y/e 31st March 2022	-£3,645.42
0.00	Footpaths	0.00		Total	£14,622.36
0.00	General Income	1.82		Represented by	
200.00	Grants	177.00		Nat West a/c - 21543798	£14,422.36
5310.30	Precept D.C.C.	5382.30		Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
0.00	Playground	0.00		Uncleared movements	
0.00	Publications	0.00		Total	£14,622.36
600.00	Vat Refund	660.82			
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00			
6739.30	Total Income	6897.74			
	Expenses				
400.00	Allotments	350.00		Petty Cash	£0.00
1200.00	Grant Exp	0.00		Total	£14,622.36
0.00	Cemetery & Village	107.50			
250.00	Footpaths	47.04			
1350.00	General Expenses	261.05			
550.00	Grass Cutting	1050.00			
1600.00	Insurance	542.33			
400.00	Clerks salary	848.50			
200.00	PAYE	212.00			
600.00	Playground	0.00			
200.00	VAT	227.00			
6750.00	Total Expenses	3645.42			
-10.70	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	3252.32			

Finances approved by Cllr Tipping, seconded by Cllr Hughes.

Clerk contacted the charities commission. The charities cannot be re-instated because their income is below £5,000.00 per year. Both charities can still operate and if the income reaches £5,000.00 they can reapply for the charity to be re-instated. Clerk has e-mail Tim Wright asking for the next £20.00 which will cover December 2018 to November 2028.

5 Planning

DM/21/03524/TCA – work to trees in Bowes Cemetery, if we haven't heard anything by 23rd November then we can start the work.

DM/21/02385/FPA - Cross Keys Farm – erection of a polytunnel – approved

6. Correspondence

A Parishioner has asked for an additional litter bin to be sited in the vicinity of the bench at Gilmonby bridge. Clerk to request a bin and ask how often it will be emptied if not would it be possible to have a sign that says this is a beauty spot, please take your litter home.

Electric outages in Bowes -Natalie Everett from the Northern Powergrid replied and listed outages going back to 11th January 2020. However, Natalie stated that most of the outages were due to equipment failure or damage to the overhead network. Natalie stated that these issues were not related to any on-going problems in the area and that they are not aware of any issues with the network in the areas in question.

Queens platinum jubilee on 2nd June 2022. Clerk to get a cost for a beacon.

7. Cemetery & Village maintenance

We have received a quotation from P & EJ Simpson Ltd for £1,800.00 to complete the 1st phase of the work in the cemetery, in the upper tier. Mr Simpson has guaranteed to complete the job by Christmas Proposed by Cllr Carlisle, seconded by Cllr Hughes. Clerk to e-mail him and let him know.

8 Allotments –

Allotment bills have been sent out.

9 Play Park

Clerk contacted DCC to ask them to quote for the grass cutting and flower bed care. They have replied that they are interested in quoting but as yet, they haven't sent in any prices.

There are two links in the centre of the chain link bridge that need attention. Cllr Redfern and Cllr Carlisle will look into this shortly.

10 Parish Paths

Clerk to Mike Ogden at the Parish Paths – A footpath sign near Clint farm on the north side of the road has fallen over, DL12 9JL.

11 AOB

Durham County Council have sent a team out fill in the pot holes and repair the layby. The first team has repaired some edging stones and filled in the smaller holes but a larger team will be coming to complete the larger jobs.

Cllr Richard Bell attended the meeting to discuss the planned changes to the A66. We mentioned that we were dissatisfied with the patching work that has been carried out in and around Bowes Parish, recently, within the last fortnight. Most of the areas are fretting and loose material in the road which could cause damage to vehicles and is a skid hazard, the council must be aware of this as signs have been put out stating this in some areas.

Meeting closed at 8.20

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