

# Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

## Present

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

## 1. Apologies

Cllr Redfern

## 2. Minutes of the Meeting

held Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Tipping.

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

Dog litter bin – although we feel it would be better to replace it DCC have refused to do so as it is in still working order.

Flower garden – Councillors looked at the flower garden at the end of the meeting and asked the Clerk to contact CA Stamp. The garden was not in a good state.

## 4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £0.14 interest £177.00 DCC Grant £73.50 Blenkiron & £11.50 S Carrell – memorial plaque

Expenses since last meeting £360.00 C A Stamp grass cutting £542.33 Zurich Insurance £400.00 Wages & £100.00 HMRC £11.50 Cllr Hughes – memorial plaque.

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet			As at 31/08/2021	
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	0.68		
350.00	Cemetery & Village	428.50	Income y/e 31st March 2022	£6,821.12
0.00	Footpaths	0.00	Expenses y/e 31st March 2022	-£3,285.42
0.00	General Income	1.82	Total	£14,905.74
200.00	Grants	177.00		
5310.30	Precept D.C.C.	5382.30	Represented by	
0.00	Playground	0.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798	£15,217.24
0.00	Publications	0.00	Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
600.00	Vat Refund	660.82	Uncleared movements	-£511.50
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00	Total	£14,905.74
<b>6739.30</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6821.12</b>		
	Expenses			
400.00	Allotments	350.00	Petty Cash	£0.00
1200.00	Grant Exp	0.00		
0.00	Cemetery & Village	107.50	Total	£14,905.74
250.00	Footpaths	47.04		
1350.00	General Expenses	261.05		
550.00	Grass Cutting	750.00		
1600.00	Insurance	542.33		
400.00	Clerks salary	848.50		
200.00	PAYE	212.00		
600.00	Playground	0.00		
200.00	VAT	167.00		
<b>6750.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>3285.42</b>		
<b>-10.70</b>	<b>Actual Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>3535.70</b>		

Finances approved by Cllr Carlisle seconded by Cllr Hughes.

Charity Commission – I rang the charities commission on 17<sup>th</sup> August after trying to log onto the site. The charities commission have removed both charities due to the small amount of income. The gentleman I spoke to wasn't sure why we hadn't been contacted regarding this matter. John Bousfield charity has £150.00 in a Barclays account and the Kipling Charity has a balance of £48.41.00. The £2.00 per years has been paid up to November 2018.

Clerk to contact the charities commission again asking how this has happened without any contact with the clerk or the Trustees.

## **5 Planning**

DM/18/01964/FPA - Former Department of Transport – variation to add a second dormer window on the front elevation – no comments

DM/21/02385/FPA - Cross Keys Farm – erection of a polytunnel – no comments

DM/21/01533/FPA – Lowfield Farm – erection of an agricultural general purpose storage and service workshop building – approved.

DM/21/01851/PA Black Lodge Farm – erection of agricultural storage building with link extension – approved

DM/21/01015/FPA – South Thornberry – erection of agricultural livestock shed - approved.

## **6. Correspondence**

A66 Northern Trans Pennine Project - Highways England are launching their consultation proposals on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September to Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. Hard copies of key consultation materials will be sent to residents within 5km of the A66. They are hosting drop-in sessions in Bowes on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 8pm in the village hall and again on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 9am – 4pm. Information has been put on the website.

We have received a brochure from Elan City who sell traffic control & public communication systems. We have not had a reply from Durham County Council about this but other Parish Councils have been requesting information from Clerks regarding these products.

Clerk to contact Staindrop Clerk, we have all seen the temporary device in Staindrop, how much was it and where did they get it from? We will need planning permission to erect a permanent display.

## **7. Cemetery & Village maintenance**

Cllr Tipping met Rob George from Climate County Durham regarding tree planting in our conservation area. Rob also discussed the area next to the A66 and will need to speak to Durham County Council.

Cllr White has visited the cemetery at Kirby Stephens to see how they deal with their Yew trees. Photo's attached. It appears that they have been doing a lot of cutting. It was decided that Cllr White would contact Castle Garden Services. Cllr Carlisle to contact P Simpson for an alternative quote. Prices to be brought back for the next meeting. There are several ancient Yews that can only be cut back by one third.

## **8 Allotments**

The new Allotment holder has returned the signed agreement.

An allotment has asked for permission to pop a small shed 6'x4' in her allotment at the western side – permission granted, usual caveats may need to be taken down at the end of tenancy.

Work on the gate is in their hands now, we have had a quote for £150.00 from P Holden Ltd.

## **9 Play Park**

Cllr Redfern has no issues to report.

**10 Parish Paths**

We have received £177.00 from the Parish Paths Partnership for repair work to a stile. Bull banks have been strimmed and several parishioners have commented on how much better it looks. Cllr White has submitted another grant application for £1,215.60.

Clerk contacted Mike Ogden regarding the consultation on the proposed British Horse Society modification of the definitive map from Sleightholme to Tan Hill. Dagmar Richardson replied confirming that the Council and affected parties will be consulted.

**11 AOB**

Cllr Tipping has had a long discussion with Northern Power Grid. This issue has been escalated, the funds have been approved but the issue is with a land owner regarding the wayleave.

Meeting closed at 20.55

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