

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School Wednesday 14th February 2018

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Brown
2. **Minutes** of the Meeting held Wednesday 10th January 2017 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Redfern & seconded by Cllr Hughes.
3. **Matters arising** (unless dealt with later in the agenda)
Cllr Hughes has donated a padlock with 3 keys to be used on the gate of Clint Field.
We received this reply from highways regarding the A67 Interchange exit-slip.

Thank you for contacting Highways England in relation to the A66 approach to A67 Bowes Interchange exit-slip. I have been passed your email (attached) as I am responsible for managing the safe and efficient operation of this length of the A66.

I can advise you that we are currently involved with investigating this location with a view to making modifications to the road layout to reduce future collision risk. Once the investigation has been completed, however, the recommended scheme will need to be submitted for consideration for funding, and it will compete against other safety schemes on the national programme. At this time I am unable to confirm if and when the resultant works will be carried out.

In addition to this work, however, you may be aware of the Government's commitment to complete the dualling of the A66 between Penrith and Scotch Corner. This will, in due course, replace the present arrangement at this interchange with a new, two through lane arrangement and will provide a long-term solution to the problems currently experienced.

Clerk contacted the police regarding the complaint about a dangerous dog. The police said "the party involved must ring them directly". Clerk has heard from the complainant that the police visited the property and that the dog owner had agreed to keep a muzzle on the dog. Unfortunately, there has been another attack since this visit. We have recommended they ring 101 as instructed by the police.

Cllr Carlisle met with the clerk and held a conference call with Cllrs Hughes, Redfern and Wake to approve the budget and the Precept on the 25th January 2018. The budget was agreed with a small deficit of £194.00

4. **Finance & Accounts – See summary below**
Receipts since last meeting £127.00 Trees Please
Expenses since last meeting £

Budget		Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet		As at 31st January 2018	
Year to 31st March 2018					
Income		Income		Cumulative Total	
108.00		Allotments	311.00	Bank as at 31st March 2017	£12,522.60
6.00		Bank Interest	2.59	Income y/e 31st March 2018.	£5,625.59
1000.00		Cemetery & Village	799.00	Expenses y/e 31st March 2018	-£4,506.62
		Footpaths	0.00	Total	£13,641.57
		General Income	0.00	Represented by	
4070.00		Grants	244.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798	£13,441.57
		Precept D.C.C.	4099.00	Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
		Playground	0.00	Uncleared movements	£0.00
400.00		Publications	0.00	Total	£13,641.57
170.00		Vat Refund	0.00		
5754.00		West Clint Field	170.00		
		Total Income	5625.59		
Expenses		Expenses			
250.00		Allotments	225.00	Petty Cash	69.32
1000.00		Grant Exp	127.00	Total	13710.89
300.00		Cemetery & Village	714.50		
250.00		Footpaths	0.00		
960.00		General Expenses	230.73		
650.00		Grass Cutting	800.00		
1660.00		Insurance	526.49		
415.00		Clerks salary	1318.10		
		PAYE	329.40		
200.00		Playground	0.00		
5685.00		VAT	235.40		
		Total Expenses	4506.62		
69.00		Actual Surplus/Deficit	1118.97		

Finance approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Hughes.

- 5 Planning**
Cow Close – No comment
Appeal on the Turbines at Pondergill Farm – no comment
- 6. Correspondence**
The Cllrs re-evaluated our risk management policy and amendments where made where necessary. Approved by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Wake.
There have been poachers in the local fields with dogs on at least two occasions – noted.
Data Protection Officer – We are still awaiting a reply from ICO after Cllr Hughes wrote to them for clarification. The legislation seems concerned with large amounts of data, and our parish holds the allotment holders names and addresses only. The 25th May is the deadline date. It was proposed by Cllr Redfern seconded by Cllr Wake that we await their reply before any further decisions are made.
Ed Gastle has contacted the clerk regarding William Gastle and Hannah Guy his great grandparents. Clerk to contact him and say that there is a war memorial brass plaque in the village hall and chapel. Mr Rowe collated a Bowes Index register which is held at Durham County Council from 1539 onwards which he may also be interested in.
- 7. Cemetery & Village maintenance**
Stuart Priestly will meet Cllr Hughes regarding the wild flower seeding on 26th February.
Peter Nicholls has requested an addition to the memorial of Stanley Richardson which will read “also his dear wife Joyce died 13th December 2016 aged 93” – approved. Clerk to invoice £50.00.
- 8 Allotments**
Carolynne Proud has put her name onto the waiting list for an allotment but is happy to wait until November to take over from Mr N Fairburn.
- 9 Play Park**
A new beam has been ordered and will be with us within 5-6 weeks. Check that the spanner was on the order. Clerk to e-mail Playdale, Cllr Carlisle would like to be there when it is delivered. Cllr Redfern has completed his monthly report and has commented on the condition of the fence, it is sound but may need scrubbing in the spring.
- 10 Parish Paths**
Nothing to report
- 11 AOB**
Litter picking has been completed on the A66 by Durham County Council.
- Meeting closed at 8.40

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