

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School on 11th January 2022

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Tipping,

2. Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 14th December agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

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

Clerk re-sent the letter to Tim Wright asking for the next £20.00 which will cover December 2018 to November 2028.

Dog bin request at Keepers Cottage – case reference FS-Case-382573819 – still waiting a reply.
Beacons for the Platinum Jubilee – we have received some prices for a gas beacon at £490.00 plus vat, plus gas. It was decided that Cllr Hughes would ask a parishioner if they could make a beacon for a more reasonable price. Designs were discussed and it was decided that simple would be best.
Cllr Tipping has fixed the gate to the allotments.

Gritting in the village – Cllr Tipping noticed that the gritter is not coming up the main street anymore. Clerk checked out the new route and confirmed that the gritter turned left at the roundabout at the bottom of the village. Clerk to contact DCC again – “The Parish Council would like to point out that the change to the gritting route is cause for concern. There is a school at the top of the main street, the road is busy at the start and end of every school day. Icy conditions will add to the risk of an accident involving parent’s cars and possibly children. Can you please let us know why the route was changed and consider changing it back ASAP.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £ 0.12 Interest £21.00 allotment rent £216.50 cemetery income
Expenses since last meeting £ 7.66 Cllr Tipping, items to repair the allotment gate £1,800 P & EJ Simpson, work in the cemetery.

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet			As at 08/01/2022	
Year to 31st March 2022				
Budget	Income		Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	269.00	Bank as at 31st March 2021	£11,370.04
1.00	Bank Interest	1.17	Income y/e 31st March 2022	£7,213.61
350.00	Cemetery & Village	721.50	Expenses y/e 31st March 2022	-£4,184.58
0.00	Footpaths	0.00	Total	£14,399.07
0.00	General Income	1.82	Represented by	
200.00	Grants	177.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798	£14,199.07
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	£14,399.07
600.00	Vat Refund	660.82		
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00		
6739.30	Total Income	7213.61		
	Expenses			
400.00	Allotments	356.38	Petty Cash	£0.00
1200.00	Grant Exp	0.00	Total	£14,399.07
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	1273.80		
200.00	PAYE	318.20		
600.00	Playground	0.00		
200.00	VAT	228.28		
6750.00	Total Expenses	4184.58		
-10.70	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	3029.03		

Finances approved by Cllr Carlisle, seconded by Cllr Hughes.

Discussions ensued regarding next years budget, it was decided to increase the amount paid by the home owner by £1.00. This would bring the precept to £5,584.00. Clerk shared the budget forecast, there was an additional £500.00 put into cemetery & village maintenance to go towards the second part of the cemetery tree works next winter. This would leave a surplus of £140.20. Approved by all.

5 **Planning**

DM/16/03373/FPA Central Garage Bowes – demolition of existing garage and construction of 6 dwellings (amended plans) approved.

DM/21/03780/PNA East Mellwaters Farm – replacement agricultural building and covered silage pit – approved

DM/21/02795/FPA Valley Farm Stainmore Road – Erect new storage/dog kennels for agricultural use - approved

6. **Correspondence**

Nothing of note

7. **Cemetery & Village maintenance**

P & EJ Simpson have completed the work in the cemetery, the Parish Council are very happy with the quality of the job, all the graves are now exposed. Phase two to be completed at about the same time next year.

Parking on the paths on both sides of the main street. Clerk tried to log this online but because the vehicles are not parked on certain types of restrictions DCC recommend we ring Durham Constabulary on 101. Options – yellow lines, disabled parking bay, loading bay, permit parking area, bus bay, Pedestrian crossing, white lines or dropped kerb access, when you choose none of these it says ring police)

Cllr Carlisle has met with Steven Bennett from DCC to discuss the grass cutting and the care of the play park. DCC quoted £2,187.89. This is significantly higher than our current supplier. Clerk to get a quote from C & A Stamp, our present supplier. Cllr & Mrs Hughes are happy to continue to care for the tubs. This leaves us with the flower bed and the still born section in the church ground, it was felt that it was not well looked after last year. It was suggested we try a parishioner to see if they are interested. Clerk to send an e-mail and see if they are willing and what they would charge.

White lines have not been replaced after the road was re-surfaced over 4 weeks ago. Vehicles are now parking at the junction. Clerk to log on DCC's porta.

8 **Allotments** –

Clerk to e-mail an allotment holder to see if they would like to relinquish their plot as it doesn't seem to be used very much.

9 **Play Park**

The stay in the bridge is deteriorating, Durham County Council have mentioned a worn ring on the chain itself, both jobs will be completed in early spring.

10 **Parish Paths**

Mr Gibson has been asked to complete some work in and around Bowes that we have been allocated funding for from the Parish Paths. Clerk to contact Mr Gibson and ask for the work to be completed by the end of February at the latest to allow us to get the grant application in on time.

11 **AOB**

Cllr Hughes has heard about a Civil contingency Unit working in Durham County Council. Clerk to contact Richard Bell and ask them to do a short address to the parish council and to answer any questions we have. E-mailed 16/01/2022

Meeting closed at 8.42

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