

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held via Zoom on 27th August 2020

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Hughes

2. Minutes of the Meeting

held Wednesday 4th June 2020 via Zoom agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Wake, seconded by Cllr White.

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

Website Accessibility – Clerk has sent the Accessibility Statement to all Councillors to review, all felt it was sufficient and it has been approved for the website. A reminder has been added to the bottom of the agenda to remind us to review it yearly. Hugofox is still working to solve some of our issues.

Clerk sent the list “for holding an in-person council meeting” to the Chair and it was decided to hold another Zoom meeting in line with the government rules.

Cllr Tipping has visited the thrust boring site and it remains in the same state. Clerk to update DCC as they had said they would serve a defect notice on the contractor in October 2019.

It was agreed that the clerk could go ahead and order the seat for the Clint, Cllr Tipping agreed to have it delivered to his home until it can be placed permanently on the Clint.

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		
108.00	Allotments	0.00	
10.00	Bank Interest	2.52	
350.00	Cemetery & Village	0.00	
0.00	Footpaths	0.00	
0.00	General Income	0.00	
200.00	Grants	0.00	
5202.00	Precept D.C.C.	5288.00	
	Playground	0.00	
	Publications	0.00	
100.00	Vat Refund	95.40	
170.00	West Clint Field	170.00	
6140.00	Total Income	5555.02	
	Expenses		
350.00	Allotments	0.00	
1200.00	Grant Exp	0.00	
	Cemetery & Village	0.00	
	Footpaths	0.00	
250.00	General Expenses	66.22	
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	
	Cumulative Total		
	Bank as at 31st March 2020		£10,636.20
	Income y/e 31st March 2021		£5,555.92
	Expenses y/e 31st March 2021		-£246.22
	Total		£15,945.90
	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
		Petty Cash	£176.97
		Total	£16,122.87

Finances approved by Cllr Tipping, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

5 **Planning**

Prospect House – replace front and rear doors, reconfiguration of internal layout and vent to west elevation - for listed building permission only – no objections.

6. **Correspondence**

Katy Sutton, from Highway England, has been in contact with the Clerk regarding the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine. They are hoping to hold a series of engagement events in late November/early December. Clerk has put Katy in touch with Mike Bettison who runs the village hall.

A Parishioner has contacted us regarding repairs to a sundial above their house. He states that it always seems to attract attention from visiting members of the public to Bowes and it seems to him that if it were repainted it would look a lot better and remain functional for another hundred years. He was wondering whether the parish council will be prepared to pay for the repainting work or whether they will perhaps go halves with the school trustees, it may involve the cost of scaffolding too. Clerk to reply - The councillors feel that this is the responsibility of the Trustees as they own the sundial. The Parish Council do not feel they can offer any funding as it is not a public building

A Parishioner has knocked over the closing post on the Travellers gate on the old A66, Cllr Hughes and Cllr Tipping have spoken to them and they have agreed to repair it.

We have received a request to access land at Bowes for the purpose of surveying the access to the A66. As well as asking for access they also sent a health & safety questionnaire to be completed, Cllr Carlisle completed this prior to the meeting. Clerk to forward to James Magson, Senior Land Referencer at Ardent, on behalf of Highways England.

The Clerk has received a Business Banking Switch letter from Natwest Bank. Natwest received financial support in 2008 and 2009 and in exchange for this support they made a commitment to increase competition in the UK business banking. The letter states that we could get up to £1,250.00 to switch to free business banking for switching our current account to a participating bank. Clerk to investigate this to see how much money we would receive.

7. **Cemetery & Village maintenance**

Approval requested for:

Lavinia Hare 1918 – 2000 plain gravestone
Ivy Hodgson. 1918-2010, a much-loved Aunt

No objections

Thanks to Cllr Hughes and his wife for all the work in and around the village.

We would also like to thank the parishioner that is continuing to cut the grass near the bus stop.

8 **Allotments**

Nothing to report

9 **Play Park**

The playpark has been opened but with restrictions due to the Corona Virus.

Cllr Redfern is continuing with his inspections now the playpark is open.

10 **Parish Paths**

Cllr Carlisle has walked some of our paths and made notes of any areas of concern for the next grant application. These have been sent to Cllr White ready for the next funding application.

Clerk to let Cllr White know when the money is received for the last grant.

11 **AOB**

Nothing to report.

Meeting closed at 8.20

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