

# Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held via Zoom on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

## **Present**

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

### 1. **Apologies**

Cllr White

### 2. **Minutes of the Meeting**

held Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 via Zoom agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

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

Cllr Tipping contacted the Northern Power Grid regarding the lack of electrical capacity in Bowes. They have said “they are aware of the problem but don’t have a solution as yet. This has been ongoing for three years.

We will re- examine the possibility of a 20 mile an hour zone again after being previously rebuffed from DCC

Clerk to contact highways and find out what the criteria is for a 20 mile an hour zone. Delivery vans are a major concern, and the safety of the primary school students.

When I tried to switch to the Co-Op bank account, I was informed that the wait time was quite lengthy and I was worried that I would not be able to complete the task in time so I tried The Clysdale and Yorkshire bank. They contacted me by phone and explained that I didn’t meet the criteria being a local authority and that they could not accept the Switch. I contact CDALC and they agreed that we couldn’t be classed as a charity. The switch, unfortunately, will not be able to go ahead.

### 4. **Finance & Accounts – See summary below**

Receipts since last meeting   £36.00 allotment holders rent.   £115.00 Brownless & Sons and  
21p interest.

Expenses since last meeting   £400.00 H Overfield   £100.00 HMRC   £408.00 R B Watson   £21.99  
Video Cam   £20.09 gift for Cllr Wake

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet

As at 28/02/2021

Year to 31st March 2021

Budget	Income		Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	102.32	Bank as at 31st March 2020	£10,636.20
10.00	Bank Interest	5.62	Income y/e 31st March 2021	£7,538.34
350.00	Cemetery & Village	640.00	Expenses y/e 31st March 2021	-£6,015.69
0.00	Footpaths	0.00	Total	£12,158.85
0.00	General Income	0.00	Represented by	
200.00	Grants	1237.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798	£11,955.91
5202.00	Precept D.C.C.	5288.00	Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
0.00	Playground	0.00	Uncleared movements	
0.00	Publications	0.00	Total	£12,155.91
100.00	Vat Refund	95.40		
170.00	West Clint Field	170.00		
<b>6140.00</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7538.34</b>		
	<b>Expenses</b>			
350.00	Allotments	350.00	Petty Cash	£0.00
1200.00	Grant Exp	1201.99	Total	£12,155.91
0.00	Cemetery & Village	340.00		
0.00	Footpaths	0.00		
250.00	General Expenses	116.22		
1050.00	Grass Cutting	1350.00		
650.00	Insurance	538.20		
1600.00	Clerks salary	1224.88		
400.00	PAYE	306.00		
400.00	Playground	0.00		
200.00	VAT	588.40		
<b>6100.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>6015.69</b>		

Payment for the clerk to purchase a video cam, at £21.99, to facilitate the Zoom meetings was approved.

Finances approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Tipping.

A thank you note has been received from Cllr Wake for her gift.

## 5 Planning

DM/21/00563/FPA - High Barn, Bowes – Erection of a side extension to existing agricultural storage building for general purpose storage use. – no objections

DM/20/01981/PNA – Old Spital Farm Stainmore Road, Bowes, Agricultural building for wintering of animals - Approved, no prior approval was required.

A66 Highways England –

**We asked the following:-** please confirm that you are re-thinking the turn off at Stone Bridge after receiving several letters from individuals living in Bowes. Is this the case and if so when will the alternative be decided/released?

**They replied;-** Thank you for your email dated 6 December 2020 about the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project. I am responding as the Public Liaison Officer for the Bowes area.

I presume your question is in reference to maintaining the westbound slip-road into Bowes (near Stone Bridge Farm) to connect with The Street (Low Road)? At this stage, the design is still

evolving, and the design team are looking at a number of options for this section. Part of this design review includes analysing traffic data to understand the impact of any proposed changes.

To keep you updated on the design proposals, we are hoping to create a Community Liaison Group (CLG) in Bowes, which the Parish Council will be invited to participate in. It is our intention that the CLG will comprise of representatives from the local community and will meet regularly to share information about the project, respond to issues and concerns, and develop plans to take forward. I'll send a separate email with further details about the CLG soon. In the meantime, if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks

Nicola Hill  
Public Liaison Officer

Cllr Hughes and Cllr Tipping are on the CLG, they are looking again at the west bound slip and the design at the village end along with the Rokeby junction. There is a lot of work ongoing.

## **6. Correspondence**

Election Papers – clerk to print out and post to all councillors. A Zoom meeting to be arranged for their completion. Cllr Hughes has offered to deliver them by hand, clerk to send details.

Census information has been added to the website.

Clerk has received an e-mail stating that the picture used on the website was taken by them and we had to remove it or pay them for it. Picture has been changed. Cllr Carlisle had actually taken the picture himself, clerk to put it back on if it can be easily found again.

We have received a form to Highways regarding the tenure of the property, this has been completed and returned.

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

Mr Stamp has offered the same deal as last year - £1300.00 for 9 cuts and the flower bed and still born area at the bottom of the cemetery. It was agreed that he had done a good job last year.

Proposed Cllr Carlisle, Cllr Redfern. Clerk to inform Mr Stamp and mention the number of cuts in the e-mail.

A tree has been cut down by an unknow person without the permission of the parish council.

In an attempt to prevent dog fouling, Cllr Hughes has asked DCC to put some notices in the village hall car park and on the roads leading out of Bowes to state that it is still in the public spaces protected order area. Cllr Hughes is hoping to meet with them soon.

## **8 Allotments**

Cllr Carlisle has spoken to the parishioner regarding the boggy entrance. If it is decided to go ahead with this work, it will need a drain installing before the hard core can be put down. We will need to get permission from the Lords in Trust. The alternative is to ban vehicles to the allotments. The councillors will give this matter further consideration.

## **9 Play Park**

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

Cllr Carlisle and Cllr Redfern will put the rocking horse back as soon as possible.

## **10 Parish Paths**

Nothing to report.

**11 AOB**

The British Horse society have put in an application to add the wording “restricted bridleway” to the description of the road between Sleightholme and Tan Hill on the definitive map– Cllr Hughes has contacted DCC and is waiting a reply.

DCC have been on the A67 collecting litter, they have also been into Bowes today to empty the drain in the cut going down to Gilmonby.

The gates have been locked on the Sleightholme Moor road but this is a vehicular right of way between Gilmonby and Tan Hill. Cllr Hughes has contacted DCC about this as well.

The main road in the village is breaking up, DCC know about this because they have put up an uneven road sign. Cllr Hughes has also reported this on the “Do it on Line” Durham website”.

Meeting closed at 8.25

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