

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School on 18 April 2023

The meeting commenced at 7.20

Present

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

1. Apologies

2.

Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 7th March 2023 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Tipping.

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

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £8.37 interest

Expenses since last meeting £350.00 Youngs on behalf of the Lord in Trust. £65.00 Bowes & Gilmonby Village Hall to pay for a framed photo for the coronation.

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet			As at 31/03/2023	
Year to 31st March 2023				
Budget	Income		Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	245.00	Bank as at 31st March 2022	£12,218.15
1.00	Bank Interest	58.12	Income y/e 31st March 2023	£7,096.20
450.00	Cemetery & Village	690.04	Expenses y/e 31st March 2023	£-9,389.32
0.00	Footpaths	0.00	Total	£9,925.03
0.00	General Income	50.00	Represented by	
200.00	Grants	0.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798	£9,725.03
5611.20	Precept D.C.C.	5584.00	Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
0.00	Playground	0.00	Uncleared movements	
0.00	Publications	0.00	Total	£9,925.03
600.00	Vat Refund	469.04		
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00		
7140.20	Total Income	7096.20		
	Expenses			
300.00	Allotments	350.00	Petty Cash	£0.00
1700.00	Cemetery & Village	3450.00	Total	£9,925.03
0.00	Footpaths	0.00		
250.00	General Expenses	1076.35		
1400.00	Grass Cutting	1255.00		
550.00	Insurance	546.60		
1600.00	Clerks salary	2093.00		
400.00	PAYE	523.25		
200.00	Playground	65.10		
600.00	VAT	30.02		
7000.00	Total Expenses	9389.32		
140.20	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	-2293.12		

Year-end accounts approved by Cllr Carlisle, Certificate of Exemption signed.

Cllr Tipping & Cllr Hughes approved donation for a framed photo for the coronation by Bowes & Gilmonby Village Hall.

5 **Planning**

DM/18/01033/FPA –Roods House - HGV operating centre, construction of new vehicular access and passing place (part retrospective) – withdrawn.

DM/23/00687/PNT – Icon Tower Infrastructure Ltd – Kilmond Wood Quarry. The installation of a new 30m lattice mast, 12 no antennas over 2no headframes and associated works including a 2.4m high perimeter compound and 7no equipment cabins. – no objections

DM/23/00219/FPA – Cross Keys Farm – erection of polytunnel -approved

6. **Correspondence**

Latest reply from Jonathan Wallis –

My advice to Bowes Parish Council is to proceed with an outright sale of this land to National Highway on the basis you will receive a 20% premium.

Please could I have your instructions on whether the Parish Council would like to proceed in agreeing this sale, and if you do wish to proceed with the sale, perhaps you could let me know which solicitor you will be using. If you don't already have a solicitor, then I would recommend McGarry & Co.

I have asked the question of the Parish Council maintaining and taking care of the land as a nature reserve, and National Highways are going to come back to me regarding this.

Four Councillors were fore and one against the decision to sell the land to Highways. Clerk to contact Jonathan and agree to accept the offer from Highways and to accept their recommendation to use McGarry & Co as our solicitors. We assume National Highways will be paying their fee too.

7 **Cemetery & Village maintenance**

Nothing to report.

8 **Allotments –**

Cllr Hughes declared an interest.

Price options reviewed. Clerk calculated that if all allotment holders went up 50% we would cover the £400.00 but if we doubled them we would have £460.00 in annual rent which would mean we wouldn't have to increase the rents for some considerable time and it would give us a cushion if any repairs were needed.

Allotment rents are going up nationwide, in Glasgow they are going to increase by nearly 400% next year.

It was agreed to increase the rent by 100% proposed by Cllr Tipping, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

It was agreed that the rent increased from £170.00 to £220.00 for Clint Field, approved by Cllr Tipping and seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

Allotment inspection date set for Wednesday 10th May at 10.30am.

Clerk to send out new rental agreements to include the new rules and the new prices that will come into effect in November 2023.

9 **Play Park**

No issues

10 **Parish Paths**

Nothing to report.

11 **AOB**

Bowes reinforcement electrical works has been completed.

Cllr Tipping attended the Travellers Forum at Barnard Castle, unfortunately the organisers failed to turn up.

Meeting closed at 20.05 It was felt the above would have a positive effect.