

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School Wednesday 12th December 18

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

1. **Apologies:** - None

2. **Minutes of the Meeting** held Wednesday 14th November 2018 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Wake & seconded by Cllr Hughes.

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

National Tree week campaign 2018 – too close to deadline for application.

Cllr Tipping contact two arboricultural experts to get a cost for a management strategy and framework for risk managing our tree stock. We have received one reply from All About Trees quoting £740.00 plus VAT. The second firm wanted a plan drawing up, Cllr Tipping has confirmed areas and will contact them again. Cllr Tipping to ask Simpsons for a quotation too, they will actually do the work so may charge less for the survey.

Clerk wrote to our monument suppliers and has replies from Teesdale Memorials and Allison's regarding the new standard.

Cllr Wake wrote a letter which was sent to County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust regarding what seems to be the start of the closure of the Richardson Hospital in Barnard Castle. It has been in the Northern Echo and the Mercury twice.

Donations of £265 were received and these will be donated to Phoenix House, at Catterick our local branch of Help for Heroes. Cheque written clerk to write to a letter to say it is to be spent at Phoenix House Recovery centre.

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

Receipts since last meeting £1.65 interest £30.00 Allotment rent

Expenses since last meeting £114.00 HMRC £456.00 H Overfield £96.00 Teesdale Mercury (Advert)

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet		As at 30th November 2018	
Year to 31st March 2019			
Budget			
Income	Income		Cumulative Total
108.00	Allotments	36.00	Bank as at 31st March 2018
6.00	Bank Interest	7.83	£13,269.62
1000.00	Cemetery & Village	161.50	Income y/e 31st March 2018.
	Footpaths	0.00	£5,262.30
	General Income	0.00	Expenses y/e 31st March 2018
100.00	Grants	500.00	£-8,916.24
4047.00	Precept D.C.C.	4070.00	Total
	Playground	0.00	£9,615.68
	Publications	0.00	Represented by
300.00	Vat Refund	316.97	Nat West a/c - 21543798
170.00	West Clint Field	170.00	£9,415.68
£731.00	Total Income	5262.30	Nat West a/c - 015102553
			£200.00
Expenses	Expenses		Uncleared movements
250.00	Allotments	225.00	£0.00
	Grant Exp	0.00	Total
800.00	Cemetery & Village	4116.97	£9,670.40
100.00	Footpaths	0.00	
250.00	General Expenses	1656.07	
960.00	Grass Cutting	0.00	
650.00	Insurance	530.28	
1700.00	Clerks salary	960.00	
415.00	PAYE	240.00	
600.00	Playground	421.92	
200.00	VAT	766.00	
5925.00	Total Expenses	8916.24	
-194.00	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	-3653.94	

Bank balance was checked and verified by Cllr Carlisle at 31 October.

Finances approved by Cllr Carlisle, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

5 Planning

Prospect House Bowes Barnard Castle DL12 9LG -

Internal alterations, repair chimneys, replace/repair leadwork, replace window in attic gable, install ventilation grills, replace soil pipe, repoint and rebuild front garden wall – no objections

6. Correspondence

Funding to Celebrate armed forces day – 29th June. Grants are available for up to £10,00.00. This is only 50% match funding. Cllrs to have a think about it.

The Bowes Museum is having a “To serve King and Country” exhibition, flyers approved for the notice board.

Once everyone in Bowes have received their free mugs we will sell them to people who wish to purchase them at £4.50 each.

7. Cemetery & Village maintenance

Cllr Hughes complete an interim inspection of the cemetery and everything seemed safe. Cllrs agreed to move the outer village newspaper box into the bus shelter to keep the papers dry.

We have received complaints about the notice board, we will inspect this and report back.

Clerk to write to Peter Marmont to thank him for cleaning the village, we appreciate the effort.

8 Allotments

Karen & Callum are still outstanding – re-emailed 02/12/2018.

We have only received 2 tenders for the Clint field one at £80.00 and the other for £170.00. Clerk to thank them for their offers and to let them know a decision will be made at the next meeting.

9 Play Park

Cllr Redfern has completed his monthly inspection – no issues to report.

10 Parish Paths

Clerk to contact DCC for some way markers as they have faded, we are happy to replace them ourselves. These way markers are for our ordinary parish paths not the Pennine way.

11 AOB

Clerk to write to the Highway department,

1. is there any way to stop people parking on the junction to the back lane and the front street, This is a route of circulation on a narrow route which is quite often blocked now. This is an increasing problem with parking on pavements especially near junctions.
2. they have cut the hedge along the Armco barrier and made a good job of it, unfortunately they put all the cuttings back into the hedge. When the wind blew they all came back onto the road and some of these pieces are quite large. If the wind changes direction they could go over the bridge and end up on the A66. the road sweeper still turned around before going to the allotments – e-mailed Jimmy Bennett 27/12
3. when the snow gates are closed cars/vans are parking and preventing emergency vehicles, snow ploughs and people trying to reach their own homes from accessing the A66 from the west bound slip road. This should be designated a clear way, allowing the police to take action if this occurs again.

Christmas lights look good in the village.

Meeting closed at 8.45

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