

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held via Zoom on 2nd December 2020

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present

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

1. Apologies

Cllr White

2. Minutes of the Meeting

held Wednesday 27th August 2020 via Zoom agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Tipping.

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

The seat for the Clint has been delivered, Cllr Tipping is looking after it for us until the work can be completed.

The gate and post on the old A66 has been repaired since the incident.

Cllr Wake has tendered here resignation, all councillors thanked her for her hard work.

Thrust boring site is now grassed over.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £0.21 interest

Expenses since last meeting £180.00 C A Stamp

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet			As at 31/10/2020	
Year to 31st March 2021				
Budget	Income		Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	0.00	Bank as at 31st March 2020	£10,636.20
10.00	Bank Interest	5.62	Income y/e 31st March 2021	£7,497.99
350.00	Cemetery & Village	525.00	Expenses y/e 31st March 2021	-£5,287.69
0.00	Footpaths	0.00	Total	£12,846.50
0.00	General Income	176.97	Represented by	
200.00	Grants	1237.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798	£12,646.50
5202.00	Precept D.C.C.	5288.00	Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
	Playground	0.00	Uncleared movements	
100.00	Publications	0.00	Total	£12,846.50
170.00	Vat Refund	95.40		
	West Clint Field	170.00		
6140.00	Total Income	7497.99		
	Expenses			
350.00	Allotments	350.00	Petty Cash	£0.00
1200.00	Grant Exp	1201.99	Total	£12,846.50
	Cemetery & Village	0.00		
	Footpaths	0.00		
250.00	General Expenses	116.22		
1050.00	Grass Cutting	1500.00		
650.00	Insurance	538.20		
1600.00	Clerks salary	824.88		
400.00	PAYE	206.00		
400.00	Playground	0.00		
200.00	VAT	550.40		
6100.00	Total Expenses	5287.69		
40.00	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	2210.30		

I have received the precept request form. Clerk completed two budgets with no increase and a small increase of £108.30, this would take band D to £31.00 from £30.00. This was agreed unanimously.

I have been looking into switching our bank account as Natwest have signed up to a switching scheme. We have been offered £1,250.00 to do this. The bank that offers the best switch is detailed below, see appendix 1 for offers. It was agreed that the Clerk move our accounts to Coop bank.

C Stamp has charged us for 10 cuts but we only booked in 9. I have paid the 10th invoice but not the 11th. It was agreed that we do not pay the 11th bill. Clerk is waiting for a reply from Mr Stamp.

Finances approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

5 **Planning**

DM/20/02624/FPA – West of Woodcock Hall – conversion of agricultural building to form residential dwelling – no objections

DM/20/02714/FPA – **ADDRESS** Single and two storey extension – no objections

DM/20/02817/FPA – Green Fell View – erection of porch to front elevation and garden room to rear. Cllr Hughes raised a concern with the porch in a conservation area where the only porches facing Front Street and Low Road are on the church, the former Methodist chapel and the school. Woodcock Hall has got a porch, but it is not on the same alignment as the other houses. The school has the only porch on the North side of Front Street and to add one to Green Fell View would be anomalous in the street scene and stand out quite starkly. I think there is also an issue that, if it were to be approved, others might want to put one on their houses too. I imagine the conservation advice will be to refuse it, as it is inconsistent with the aims of the Conservation Area. We are waiting to see what the Conservation/Heritage officer says before we comment

DM/20/02909/FPS Greta Villa, Back Lane – conservatory to front – no objections

DM/20/03199/FPA Former Department of Transport Storage Depot – 4 new dwellings We would like to emphasize the need for an appraisal of the village's electric supply to ensure its resilient in the light of the new housing and upgrades and alterations in the existing infrastructure.

DM/20/03385/FPA The Old Armoury – Extension of existing structure to form office and facilities block on CL and campsite – no objections

6. **Correspondence**

A66 Highways England – we have received a pack showing areas where surveys are required and amounts of compensation that we can claim. Clerk has given permission in writing for Ardent to access the land. Several parishioners have written/spoken to Highways England and they have been told that they are rethinking the turn off at Stone Bridge. Clerk to confirm that this is the case. Clerk received an e-mail today stating that the surveyors have confirmed their intent to revisit the vantage points and transects to assess wintering bird habitats as outlined previously from W/C 14th December 2020. These repeat visits are scheduled to take place through to March 2021, on a weekly basis, and will be conducted by Ecus Limited (a sub-contractor of Amey Plc).

It is National Tree week which runs until Sunday, 6th December and is the UK's largest annual tree celebration. Due to the coronavirus they have extended the application period until February. Maximum Grant £150. Send info to Cllr White to see if he will apply for this.

7. Cemetery & Village maintenance

Cllr Carlisle has cut back the yew trees around 11 graves and cut an avenue at the bottom section. The elder has also been cut back. Cllr Hughes thanked Cllr Carlisle for all his effects. Cllr Carlisle feels that the yew trees need professional work when the weather is better.

8 Allotments

All of the bills have been sent out, I am just waiting for the odd payment to come through. One of the allotment holders have asked for hard core for the boggy entrance to the lower plots. Clerk to reply “we will take a look at the site and consider our options bearing in mind that it is not our land.

9 Play Park

Our DCC inspection report has brought our attention to some rotting timber on the adventure trail, it has been marked as low risk. We will replace the timber when the weather improves. Cllr Redfern has put some Cupinol on it for now. DCC have confirmed that the play park can stay open in the second lockdown. Cllr Redfern is continuing with his inspections now the playpark is open.

10 Parish Paths

Cllr White has been successful with another claim for stile repairs on FP17. Cllr White has asked Craig to do the work on the stone stile next to the Annums.

11 AOB

Cllr Tipping is going to contact the Northern Power Grid regarding the lack of electrical capacity in Bowes. The transformers exploded two years ago and there are new houses going up and this will be a further drain.

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

Meeting closed at 8.50

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