

Minutes of the meeting of Bowes Parish Council

Held at Bowes School Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**The meeting commenced at 7.30**

**Present:** Cllr Carlisle, Cllr Brown, Cllr Redfern, Cllr Wake, Mrs Overfield and Mr Alex Metcalfe from The Teesdale Mercury. Cllr Hughes and Cllr White joined the meeting at 8.05 after attending a trustees meeting.

**1 Apologies**

**2 Minutes** of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Wake, seconded by Cllr Brown.

**3 Matters arising**

Cllr Brown, Carlisle and Redfern fitted the balance beam in the play park and it is now back in full working order and has been tested out by children in the village.

Cllr Hughes met with Stuart Priestley from DCC regarding the wild flower seeding. Cllr Hughes took Stuart around Bowes and it was agreed that the following areas could be sewn with wild flower seeds:-

- right hand side of the A66 slip road before you hit the A66
- west end of the village on either side of the road, past the garage
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Cllr Hughes has agreed to lend us his equipment to get this work done. The land will need topping, spraying off and scarifying.

**4 Finance and accounts**

Receipts since last meeting      £0.52 interest    £50.00 William Allison

Expenses since last meeting      £400.00 H Overfield    £100.00 HMRC

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		Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet						As at 28th February 2018		
Budget	Year to 31st March 2018									
Income	Income					Cumulative Total				
108.00		Allotments	311.00			Bank as at 31st March 2017			£12,522.60	
6.00		Bank Interest	3.11			Income y/e 31st March 2018.			£5,753.11	
1000.00		Cemetery & Village	799.00			Expenses y/e 31st March 2018			-£5,006.62	
		Footpaths	0.00			Total			£13,269.09	
		General Income	0.00			Represented by				
		Grants	371.00			Nat West a/c - 21543798			£13,569.09	
4070.00		Precept D.C.C.	4099.00			Nat West a/c - 015102553			£200.00	
		Playground	0.00			Uncleared movements			-£500.00	
		Publications	0.00			Total			£13,269.09	
400.00		Vat Refund	0.00							
170.00		West Clint Field	170.00							
5754.00		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>5753.11</b>							
Expenses	Expenses									
250.00		Allotments	225.00				Petty Cash		69.32	
		Grant Exp	127.00				Total		13338.41	
1000.00		Cemetery & Village	714.50							
300.00		Footpaths	0.00							
250.00		General Expenses	230.73							
960.00		Grass Cutting	800.00							
650.00		Insurance	526.49							
1660.00		Clerks salary	1718.10							
415.00		PAYE	429.40							
		Playground	0.00							
200.00		VAT	235.40							
5685.00		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5006.62</b>							
69.00		Actual Surplus/Deficiet	746.49							

Accounts approved by Cllr Redfern and seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

**5 Planning**

Aggregate Industries UK Ltd Hulands Quarry – Installation of a liquified natural gas storage tank and ancillary operating equipment has been approved.

## **6 Correspondence**

We are still waiting a reply from the ICO regarding GDPR after Cllr Hughes contacted them. Steve Ragg has been sending updates and stated that NALDC will be making representation to the government about the effects of this act on small parish councils like ourselves.

Information on the Welfare Assistance Scheme and Save Time do it online have been approved for the notice board.

The recycling centre at Stainton Grove is to be closed for 27 weeks. Details of other local sites to go onto the notice board. Clerk to reply "We hope that this facility will be open more regularly after these considerable sums are to be spent".

## **7 Cemetery and Village Maintenance**

Headstone additions approved for Mary Isabel Preston.

Headstone and inscription approved for Greta and Stephen Luck.

Clerk to contact A Toward regarding the gardening work. A maximum of 10 hours per month at £10.00 per hour. Work to include:-

- Dead heading and weeding of the flower bed
- Care of 2 tubs near the bus stop
- Removing the moss in the playground
- The still borne section in the cemetery to be cared for

Receipts for purchases bought must accompany the invoice, goods over £25.00 must be approved prior to their purchase.

The keys were given out to the allotment holders and Linda Brown.

Clerk to contact highways department – Drain needs cleaning out at the west side of the cut going down to Gilmonby. Water is coming up a grate and washing away the west side of the road including the surface. In this cold weather it freezes and creates a hazard on the bend.

## **8 Allotments**

Nothing to report.

## **9 Play Park**

Nothing to report.

## **10 Parish Paths**

The Parish Paths Partnership is starting another round of funding. Cllr White asked if any one had an area that they knew needed repair or improvement work. The strimming of bull banks will be included again.

## **11 AOB**

The electric went off on Saturday night and flicked on and off again. It finally went off at about 5.30am. Workers have stripped lines that were down and brought three generators in to Bowes as the lines couldn't be replaced quickly enough. There have been generator issues in some parts of the village causing intermittent power cuts. One of the broken power lines crosses the A66 and a road closure will be needed to complete the repairs. Clerk to contact NEDL regarding the capability of supply. The village of Bowes is expanding and the demand on electricity is increasing, all of the new homes built or planned have electric central heating systems and it would appear there is insufficient electricity supply to support the residents already here. The village has already increased by 10% and should all current applications be approved it will be another 10% increase. When was the last electrical demand survey done and what plans have you made for the future?

Thanks to all parishioners who turned out to clean the path through the village.

Meeting closed at 8.45