

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School on 5th April 2022

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present

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

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 8th March 2022 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Tipping.

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

We have a seat which we will be placing on the Clint. Cllr Hughes brought the official logos for the Queens Jubilee, the councillors agreed on their preferred choice.

Cllr Hughes is going to ask a local metal worker to price a Jubilee beacon.

Cllr Hughes suggested we purchase 100 mugs at £3.50 each, 60 to be given free of charge to the children of village and sell the other 40.

Kevin Parkin from Northernpower grid contacted Cllr Redfern, and said that Northernpower grid have assessed the needs of Bowes Parish Council and they are now preparing a plan. Clerk to request a copy of their plan for Bowes village and the surrounding area along with costings and timeframes as soon as it is completed.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £0.09 Interest £485.00 G Brownless & Son £1,013.00 DCC Grant

Expenses since last meeting £436.62 Wages £109.00 HMRC

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet			As at 27/03/2022	
Year to 31st March 2022				
Budget	Income		Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	281.00	Bank as at 31st March 2021	£11,370.04
1.00	Bank Interest	1.37	Income y/e 31st March 2022	£8,743.81
350.00	Cemetery & Village	1206.50	Expenses y/e 31st March 2022	£-7,895.80
0.00	Footpaths	0.00	Total	£12,218.05
0.00	General Income	21.82	Represented by	
200.00	Grants	1190.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798	£12,018.05
5310.30	Precept D.C.C.	5382.30	Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
0.00	Playground	0.00	Uncleared movements	
0.00	Publications	0.00	Total	£12,218.05
600.00	Vat Refund	660.82		
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00		
6739.30	Total Income	8743.81		
	Expenses			
400.00	Allotments	481.38	Petty Cash	£0.00
1200.00	Grant Exp	0.00	Total	£12,218.05
0.00	Cemetery & Village	1907.50		
250.00	Footpaths	47.04		
1350.00	General Expenses	1274.05		
550.00	Grass Cutting	1050.00		
1600.00	Insurance	542.33		
400.00	Clerks salary	1710.42		
200.00	PAYE	427.20		
600.00	Playground	0.00		
200.00	VAT	455.88		
6750.00	Total Expenses	7895.80		
-10.70	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	848.01		

Finances approved by Cllr Carlisle, seconded by Cllr Tipping

Pay increase proposed for the Clerk. This is the first pay rise since 2015 and it reflects the increase in work load and the cost of living. Annual pay increased to £2000.00 per year, after deductions

5 **Planning**

DM/22/00917/FPA Kings Barn – garage conversion no objections.

6. **Correspondence**

Clerk has received information regarding road closures for street parties for the Queens Platinum Jubilee.

Jonathan Wallis has sent an invoice to National Highways for £501.54 including VAT. This will be paid to Bowes Parish Council, clerk will then have to pay Jonathan Wallis.

M & G Investments – requested due diligence information regarding Bowes Parish Council. This will need uploading via their portal

7. **Cemetery & Village maintenance**

Nothing to report

8 **Allotments** –

The gate is now in place, the allotment holders have made a good job. Cllr Carlisle has got rid of the old stile.

9 **Play Park**

We have received a bill for 4 inspections of the play park as agreed totalling £65.10 plus VAT

10 **Parish Paths**

We have received grant funding of £1,013.00.

11 **AOB**

English Heritage – can they please put up a sign asking them to keep dogs on a lead and poop scoop

Hulands Quarry

Aggregate Industries and Kearton farms will be treating this as a joint venture, although Keatons own the farm in the centre. They are hoping to double the size of the quarry and ask for a 40 plus year working period followed by restoration, to a degree.

Cllr Carlisle attending a meeting regarding Hulands Quarry. The main impact on Bowes village is indeterminable at the moment. The only issue could be the 4 x 28 tonne wagons per hour. East bound traffic in and out will stay the same as the slipway will remain. The West bound will be harder to determine as the A66 has not been finalised. Aggregates Industries invited the Councillors to look around the Quarry, all councillors were interested. Cllr Carlisle will set up a meeting.

Footpath post at the top of the Clint still hasn't been fixed, clerk to chase up.

Meeting closed at 8.45

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

Community Emergency Plan

Laura Dobson and colleague attended the meeting, proceedings were stopped to allow us to discuss our community action plan.

Laura provided us with a Community Emergency plan example and a 6 step guide to completing one for Bowes. Laura will e-mail the Clerk a template to allow us to complete ours.

We discussed the use of the village hall and suggested Mike Bettison and possibly others from the village hall committee joined future meetings to make sure all parties were aware of the plan and to allow input from other parties.

Insurance for villagers that helped stranded people/vehicles was discussed and any insurance claims would have to be made through their own insurance providers.

We asked if any grant funding was being made available for generators or long life food. DCC didn't have anything on offer but AAP are in talks to provide grant funding in the future.

Next steps

The council starts collecting information to complete the Community Emergency plan template. Laura from DCC and Bill from the Environmental Agency, will support us, if and when necessary. The plan will then be uploaded onto the Resilience Direct website, this is an online private network that enables civil protection practitioners to work together across geographical organisations.

Once we have completed our plan Laura will do a training session and a scenario so that everyone involved is comfortable with the plan. They will also support us with an annual review or if we have any issues completing our plan