

5. **Planning**

There have been no planning applications within the Bowes Parish Council boundaries since the previous meeting. See below for correspondence regarding a previous planning application, which the Council may wish to comment upon.

6. **Correspondence**

(a) A Boldron Parish Council resident has informed the Clerk that although the statutory consultation period regarding an application to site static caravans at Gallow Hill (DM/26/00685/FPA) ended before the Council discussed the application at its meeting in May, the Durham County Council planning portal is still accepting comments and objections. At the May 2026 meeting councillors indicated that they shared the resident's concerns about the safety of access to / from the site on a fast section of the A66. Accordingly, the Council may wish to consider a formal response to the application.

(b) Durham County Council have invited comments from parish councils on its Local Plan. The consultation period ends on 17 August 2026. The Local Plan is a significant document as it will guide where new homes, businesses and infrastructure will be built, while also protecting treasured green spaces and heritage. [Folder: Help shape the new Local Plan for County Durham | Durham County Council](#)

The Council may wish to consider commenting on the Local Plan.

7. **Cemetery & Village maintenance**

The Council are asked to consider an application to erect a memorial to Rev Canon Fisher. The Clerk will share a copy of the proposed design and inscription at the meeting.

8. **Allotments**

There are no matters for consideration at this month's meeting.

9. **Play Park**

To consider the latest inspection sheet for the playground, noting that the Clerk will provide hard copy inspection sheets for Cllr Hughes to complete at the meeting.

10. **Footpaths**

The Clerk has informed Durham County Council of the repair required to the steps leading down to the River Greta on the footpath from Back Lane, running west of Gilmonby Bridge. DCC have agreed to inspect the path and assess if urgent repairs are required.

11 **Bank Mandate**

The Clerk advises the Council to consider an additional authorised signatory for electronic and cheque payments because after the sad passing of Cllr Tipping, the Chair is the only remaining councillor who can provide the necessary dual authorisation for payments initiated by the Clerk.

12 **AOB (for discussion only)**

13 **Date, time, and venue of the next meeting**

The Council agreed a 2026/27 meeting timetable at the Annual General Meeting in May 2026. The next meeting is scheduled for 15 September 2026.