

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School on 17th May 2022

The meeting commenced at 7.20pm

Present

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

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 5th April 2022 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Tipping, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

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

Footpath post at the top of the Clint still hasn't been fixed, Mike Murden replied that the work has been given to the foreman but they like to group jobs like this together to save travel time and costs. Cllr Tipping said that there was also a road sign post missing just outside the old gritting station, on the left hand side of the underpass. The signs have been left on the ground.

Cllr Carlisle phoned the manager and his assistant at Hulands Quarry to make an appointment for the Councillors visit, he has not received a reply yet.

Cllr Hughes showed us the design for the Platinum Jubilee mugs, they have been ordered. The village hall is having a celebration on the 5th June. Cllr Hughes to co-ordinate with the school for numbers.

We are no longer considering a Beacon for the jubilee due to problems with acquiring a beacon, the gas and insurance to host the event, it doesn't justify the expense.

Cllr Hughes has purchased some trees himself and put them up in a remembrance avenue.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £0.10 interest 31/03 £1.21 Interest 29/04 £5,584.00 Precept
£170.00 L Brown

Expenses since last meeting £102.00 Butler & Gee accountants fees £62.96 CDALC Subscription
£270.00 A R Toward, 2 cuts

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet			As at 08/05/2022	
Year to 31st March 2022				
Budget	Income		Cumulative Total Bank as at 31st March 2022 £12,218.15 Income y/e 31st March 2023 £6,224.25 Expenses y/e 31st March 2023 -£428.12 Total £18,014.28 Represented by Nat West a/c - 21543798 £17,814.28 Nat West a/c - 015102553 £200.00 Uncleared movements Total £18,014.28	
108.00	Allotments	170.00		
1.00	Bank Interest	1.21		
350.00	Cemetery & Village	0.00		
0.00	Footpaths	0.00		
0.00	General Income	0.00		
200.00	Grants	0.00		
5310.30	Precept D.C.C.	5584.00		
0.00	Playground	0.00		
0.00	Publications	0.00		
600.00	Vat Refund	469.04		
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00		
6739.30	Total Income	6224.25		
	Expenses			
400.00	Allotments	350.00		
1200.00	Grant Exp	0.00		
0.00	Cemetery & Village	0.00		
250.00	Footpaths	0.00		
1350.00	General Expenses	0.00		
550.00	Grass Cutting	0.00		
1600.00	Insurance	0.00		
400.00	Clerks salary	0.00		
200.00	PAYE	0.00		
600.00	Playground	65.10		
200.00	VAT	13.02		
6750.00	Total Expenses	428.12		
-10.70	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	5796.13		
			Petty Cash	£0.00
			Total	£18,014.28

Butler and Gee increased their price for our year end accounts last year, at short notice, from £50.00 to £85.00 plus VAT. Clerk contacted Allen Sykes, also in Barnard Castle but they were even more expensive at £100.00 plus VAT. We have stayed with Butler and Gee at £85.00 plus VAT.

Yearend accounts approved by Cllr Tipping and Cllr Hughes

April's Finances approved by Cllr Carlisle, seconded by Cllr Redfern

5 **Planning**

DM/22/00962/FPA – Old West End Garage Bowes – positioning of 2 storage containers within yard area. Clerk to comment Container number 2 is inappropriately sited as Bowes is a conservation village.

DM/21/03688/FPA – Bowfield Farm Boldron – change of use of land for the siting of 15 caravans or tents has been approved.

DM/21/00218/FPA Myre Keld Cottage Bowes – retrospective replacement timber windows to UPVC and solar panels to south elevation along with the proposed two storey side extension, single storey garden room with balcony above and detached two storey garage - has been withdrawn

6. **Correspondence**

After the clerk tried to complete the due diligence request the following e-mail was received on the 22/04/2022:-

We would like to let you know that after re-reviewing your case, we have come to a conclusion that no information is pending from you currently.

7. **Cemetery & Village maintenance**

A R Toward has invoiced for two cuts.

8 **Allotments** –

Several of the sheds on the allotments have been broken into by person or persons unknown.

9 **Play Park**

Work on the chain bridge is to start shortly.

10 **Parish Paths**

11 **AOB**

Community plan – Cllr Carlisle has spoken to Mike Bettison regarding the use of the village hall, he is happy for the hall to be used in an emergency.

The new electricity supply for the village has been passed, it must be completed between April and September 2022.

Conservation area report – Cllr Tipping will need to remove some dead trees, damaged by the storms.

Meeting closed at 8.45

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