

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School on 8th February 2022

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Tipping & Cllr White,

2. Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 11th January agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Redfern

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

Dog bin request at Keepers Cottage – case reference FS-Case-382573819 – apparently this has been completed.

Gritting in the village – Cllr Tipping noticed that the gritter is not coming up the main street anymore. Clerk checked out the new route and confirmed that the gritter turned left at the roundabout at the bottom of the village. Clerk to contact DCC again – “The Parish Council would like to point out that the change to the gritting route is cause for concern. There is a school at the top of the main street, the road is busy at the start and end of every school day. Icy conditions will add to the risk of an accident involving parent’s cars and possibly children. Can you please let us know why the route was changed and consider changing it back ASAP. Still the same genetic reply, I’ve e-mailed back AGAIN!!! Road Markings FS Case 393637288 – DCC has said that this work was completed on 16th & 17th January. We checked after the meeting and the work is still outstanding.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £

Expenses since last meeting £ 1,215.60 to Craig Gibson for work completed on the parish paths.

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet			As at 30/01/2022	
Year to 31st March 2022				
Budget	Income		Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	269.00	Bank as at 31st March 2021	£11,370.04
1.00	Bank Interest	1.17	Income y/e 31st March 2022	£7,213.61
350.00	Cemetery & Village	721.50	Expenses y/e 31st March 2022	-£7,200.18
0.00	Footpaths	0.00	Total	£11,383.47
0.00	General Income	1.82	Represented by	
200.00	Grants	177.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798	£11,183.47
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	£11,383.47
600.00	Vat Refund	660.82		
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00		
6739.30	Total Income	7213.61		
	Expenses			
400.00	Allotments	356.38	Petty Cash	£0.00
1200.00	Grant Exp	0.00	Total	£11,383.47
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	1273.80		
200.00	PAYE	318.20		
600.00	Playground	0.00		
200.00	VAT	430.88		
6750.00	Total Expenses	7200.18		
-10.70	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	13.43		

Finances approved by Cllr Carlisle, seconded by Cllr Hughes.

5 **Planning**

Nothing of note.

6. **Correspondence**

Fabrications North East Limited has sent us a picture of a jubilee bench priced at £1,250.00 plus delivery and VAT. The bench/seat looks good but is too expensive.

Highways have contacted Jonathan Wallis regarding a key for a gate. National Highways are unclear who owns the land. Clerk to contact Jonathan Wallis as follows

“At one time we thought it belonged to the Parish Council and then discovered it belonged to the Highways Agency. If you look on the land registry, we think you will find it is vested in the Highways Agency, if however, the land is been held by the Crown it is most likely our land.

We don't have a key to the gate.”

7. **Cemetery & Village maintenance**

Quotes for the grass cutting to start in March 2022, 10 cuts per year

C & A Stamp quoted £160.00 per cut, this has increased by £10.00 per cut due to fuel, running and wage costs all rising.

Durham County Council £2,187.89 for the grass cutting and the care of the flower beds and still born section in the cemetery.

A R Toward has quoted £135.00 per cut and £175.00 per annum to maintain the flowerbed and the still born section in the cemetery.

Clerk to contact Mr A R Toward, the grass in the cemetery must be mulched. The contract is for 10 cuts, if we receive any complaints the contract can be terminated without notice. Clerk to let the other competitors know that they have been unsuccessful.

8 **Allotments** –

Cllr Carlisle will try and speak the allotment holder to see if they want to continue with their plot. The next person on this list has been identified..

9 **Play Park**

No problems to report

10 **Parish Paths**

Nothing to report

11 **AOB**

Disaster plan, Cllr Hughes and Redfern will meet during the day with Kevin Parkin from Northern Powergrid on 8th March They will then report back to the full Council.

Clerk to contact Kevin Edworthy from DCC and ask him to attend the April meeting. This will allow us time to format questions. Cllr Hughes found an old Disaster plan that had been written up previously, this was sent to Kevin.

Meeting closed at 8.42

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