

## Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr Carlisle, Cllr Redfern, Cllr Tipping and Mrs H Overfield.

1. **Apologies:** - Cllr Hughes & Cllr Wake.

2. **Minutes of the Meeting** held Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Tipping, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

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

Barclays mandate signed by Cllr Carlisle and H Overfield. Clerk to leave with Cllr White to sign and also Cllr Hughes.

Archaeological dig at Havelock House – there will be a report submitted once the work has been completed to the Historic Environment Record, this sometimes takes years. DCC also suggested getting a digital copy directly from the archaeological contractor, in this instance Northern Archaeological Associates. (Nick Boldrini, Historic Environment Record Officer)

4. **Finance & Accounts – See summary below**

Receipts since last meeting     £1.86 interest

Expenses since last meeting

Budget		Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet		As at 31st January 2020	
		Year to 31st March 2020			
		<b>Income</b>		<b>Cumulative Total</b>	
Income		Allotments	93.00	Bank as at 31st March 2019	£9,049.63
108.00		Bank Interest	21.13	Income y/e 31st March 2020	£6,998.46
10.00		Cemetery & Village	583.00	Expenses y/e 31st March 2021	-£4,909.69
200.00		Footpaths	0.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,138.40</b>
0.00		General Income	0.00	Represented by	
0.00		Grants	0.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798	£10,938.40
100.00		Precept D.C.C.	5202.00	Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
5202.00		Playground	0.00	Uncleared movements	£0.00
		Publications	0.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,138.40</b>
929.33		Vat Refund	929.33		
170.00		West Clint Field	170.00		
6719.33		<b>Total Income</b>	<b>6998.46</b>		
		<b>Expenses</b>			
Expenses		Allotments	600.00	Petty Cash	176.97
300.00		Grant Exp	0.00	<b>Total</b>	<b>11315.37</b>
2100.00		Cemetery & Village	358.54		
		Footpaths	0.00		
250.00		General Expenses	243.47		
1000.00		Grass Cutting	1050.00		
650.00		Insurance	534.18		
1600.00		Clerks salary	1659.30		
400.00		PAYE	414.20		
400.00		Playground	0.00		
200.00		VAT	50.00		
6900.00		<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4909.69</b>		
		Actual Surplus/Defici	2088.77		
-180.67					

Finances approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Tipping.

Application form for use of Section 106 Funds held by Durham County Council to be completed online by clerk after discussions in the meeting. It was agreed that we apply for funding for a slatted back seat to replace the one removed previously due to disrepair. Councillors agreed to match funding by way of supplying labour, hard standing, foundations and flags.

5 **Planning**

Ancient Unicorn Hotel – listed building application for alterations to internal layout and provision of 2 emergency exit fire doors.

Hylton Barn – variation of condition 2 (approved plans), to consider design alterations - approved Retrospective planning permission has been granted for the barn at Sleightholme.

Greta View Barn, Low Road Bowes – conversion and extension of barn to form dwelling with associated vehicle access. – We have no comments as long as approved materials are used in the construction.

## **6. Correspondence**

Consultations stopped regarding the closure of the stroke unit at Barnard Castle and Bishop Auckland.  
E-mail from Youngs regarding trees in and around Bowes along with locked gates – Clerk to reply as follows:

I can confirm that trees have been planted in the field in the plan, but we were under the impression that this field was ours and have been for some time. I can also confirm that we did receive a grant of £100.00 towards the purchase of these trees but we do not envisage any problems if you need to cut them down at a later stage.

We will remove both padlocks on the wicket gate and to the field entrance to allow you free access.

It would be inappropriate to assume the matter regarding the allotment rental is closed as we are still considering our options.

Teesdale Action Partnership Board meeting agenda received – Bowes & Gilmonby awarded a £2,000.00 Grant

50% grants up to £10,000.00 for Armed Forces Day – as we only receive 50% we don't have enough funds to support a worthy project.

## **7. Cemetery & Village maintenance**

Clerk contacted John Fenwick at DCC regarding the grass cutting and gardening in and around Bowes but they had no capacity for 2020.

A R Toward has quoted £960.00 for 8 cuts , same as the last couple of years.

Mr C Stamp quoted £1200.00 for 9 cuts.

Clerk to contact Mr Stamp, is he able to quote for the still born section in the cemetery and also the flower bed near the playpark.

There is a gap in the east cemetery wall at the end of the bank. This will be repaired in due course.

## **8 Allotments**

Offered half of Callum's plot to the next residents on the waiting list, they no longer want it and have asked to be removed from the list as they are moving shortly.

The next person on this list has a home in Bowes but is currently not in the UK. He hopes to be back in the UK by May to oversee the completion of the modernization of Havelock House, he is hoping to move in before the end of the year. Clerk to contact them and suggest they stay on the waiting list until they have moved in as they will be unable to cultivate it this season. **23/02 e-mailed Steve to see what he thinks of this**

## **9 Play Park**

No issues to report from Cllr Redfern.

DCC completed another inspection on the 4<sup>th</sup> December and have found no issues.

## **10 Parish Paths**

Nothing new to report.

## **11 AOB**

Meeting closed at 8.40

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