

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School on 18th October 2022

The meeting commenced at 7.30

Present

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Tipping

2. Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 6th September 2022 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

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

We sadly record the passing of Cliff Brown, a valued Councillor for over 25 years. He will be remembered for his dedication to the Parish Council and for the work he did for Bowes Village over many years.

Flower bed – work completed for Bowes Show

Bull Banks – case 439547288 chased Michael Murden. Cllr Carlisle has walked this path recently, and although the bracken is high in places there is a way through. It is now autumn and it will die back naturally.

Hedge has been cut back at the bottom of the village allowing safe passage to pedestrians and a clear view to road users.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £ 2.68 interest, £501.54 from Highways

Expenses since last meeting £501.54 Jonathan Wallis, ref Highways work.£270.00 A R Toward

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet				As at 09/10/2022	
Year to 31st March 2023					
Budget	Income			Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	170.00		Bank as at 31st March 2022	£12,218.15
1.00	Bank Interest	9.55			
450.00	Cemetery & Village	690.04		Income y/e 31st March 2023	£6,972.63
0.00	Footpaths	0.00		Expenses y/e 31st March 2023	–£4,348.07
0.00	General Income	50.00		Total	£14,842.71
200.00	Grants	0.00			
5611.20	Precept D.C.C.	5584.00		Represented by	
0.00	Playground	0.00		Nat West a/c - 21543798	£14,642.71
0.00	Publications	0.00		Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
600.00	Vat Refund	469.04		Uncleared movements	
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00		Total	£14,842.71
7140.20	Total Income	6972.63			
	Expenses				
300.00	Allotments	350.00		Petty Cash	£0.00
				Total	£14,842.71
1700.00	Cemetery & Village	0.00			
0.00	Footpaths	0.00			
250.00	General Expenses	1076.35			
1400.00	Grass Cutting	945.00			
550.00	Insurance	546.60			
1600.00	Clerks salary	1068.00			
400.00	PAYE	267.00			
200.00	Playground	65.10			
600.00	VAT	30.02			
7000.00	Total Expenses	4348.07			
140.20	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	2624.56			

Finances approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr White.

Clerk has completed the declaration for pensions

After discussions it was decided that the Clerk could keep her personal e-mail as it is on signs in the village and we do not envisage any problems going forward.

5 **Planning**

DM/22/01867/FPA - Kirby House, replacement conservatory - approved

DM/22/01772/VOC New dwelling plot on former department of transport storage depot – variation of conditions, 2, doors and windows, 3, bay window, 4 landscape scheme, 7 means of enclosure and 8 archaeology on planning permission DM/21/02622/VOC for details to be agreed post development and discharge the conditions – approved

6. **Correspondence**

We have received a letting in response to our complaint to the CEO at Durham County Council (attached) Clerk to reply as follows:-

Thank you for your reply. However, it confused us in parts, you have said that you needed advance notice to get the toilets ordered and then that you asked the house holders encamped whether a porta toilet was required, surely that must have been during the Appleby Fair period, so not in advance. Bowes was littered with faeces, due to the lack of provision. Cllr Hughes has offered to attend the GRT committee pre-meeting next year.

Can you tell the parish council who the land/bus turning circle belongs to, we had assumed it was County Highways as they maintain it.

We have also received a letter from Sgt Angela Drasdo, apparently, they didn't receive the first complaint.

I am now in receipt of the letters that Bowes Parish Council sent to both our Chief Constable Jo Farrell and the CEO of Durham County Council, Mr Hewitt, back on 18 June 2022. My apologies for the fact that you have not received a response from Durham Constabulary before now.

We are certainly familiar with the issue at the Turning Circle at Bowes and I had already arranged with our Traffic Management Unit to apply for a Temporary Traffic Restriction Order for this location for 2023 (similar to the one that is in place in Bridgegate, Barnard Castle which has worked very well for a number of years).

I am undertaking a review of the other matters you refer to and I will respond further within the next 14 days.

Perhaps we could meet at the Turning Circle to discuss the issue at a mutually convenient time to ensure I have got a full understanding of the issues locally.

Kind regards

Angela

Angela Drasdo

Sgt 1779 Drasdo

Cllr Tipping agreed by phone to the clerk to meet with Sgt Drasdo on behalf of Bowes Parish Council.

A66 Northern Trans-Pennine project – contract award. If the DCO is approved by the Secretary of State they will be dualling 18 miles of the A66 as well as improving junctions. The successful suppliers are Kier, Keltbray, Balfour Beatty and Costain. The project cost is £1.3bn.

7 **Cemetery & Village maintenance**

Nothing to report.

8 **Allotments –**

A plot owner has asked for permission to put up a hut 10x8 that will sit on a platform 18x14, sited in the north east corner of the allotment over an area that's already covered in old concrete and hardcore. The veranda would sit level above ground level which sloped down north to south, the hut would have its apex north/south and the platforms long edge would be in the same alignment.

There is no problem with the hut, we would like to look at the allotments before making the decision on the veranda. Cllrs will try to meet at the allotments before the next meeting to report back on the general condition.

9 **Play Park**

No issues to report

10 **Parish Paths**

Bridge repairs requested on "Do it online" by Cllr Hughes case ref 457725603

11 **AOB**

Does anyone know of somebody who would be interest in the Parish Council. Clerk to put something on the website and ask Cllr Hughes to put it on social medial.

Community Plan – Clerk to put the below on the website, Cllr Hughes to add to social media.

Might you or anyone you know need help if something like storm Aurmin happened again. Are you able to help out if there is a problem. If the Parish council receives sufficient response to these questions from residents we are looking to put a simple plan in place in case of future mishaps.

Meeting closed at 20.46

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