

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School on 13th December 2022

The meeting commenced at 7.30

Present

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Tipping

2. Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 15th November 2022 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

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

The community plan has been advertised on social media and the website – no response from either stream.

A parishioner has complained about the state of the roadside leading down to the cut, to the bridge over the river. Apparently, the leaves and accumulation of debris and rotting vegetation at each side of the road are encroaching into the road by approximately 1 meter on each side. This will of course lead to blocked drains causing the bridge to flood. Cllr Hughes logged this issue with “Do it online”, the case reference is FS-Case-468104434. Although the Council have been up with the sweeper, it hasn’t improved the situation. Clerk to update “The drain is still overflowing on the west side and the water is running across the road making the conditions dangerous”. FS-Case-474626791.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £8.46 interest, £27.00 various allotment rents

Expenses since last meeting £310.00 A R Toward £525.25 Clerk £131.25 HMRC

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet			As at 04/12/2022	
Year to 31st March 2023				
Budget	Income		Cumulative Total	
108.00	Allotments	245.00	Bank as at 31st March 2022	£12,218.15
1.00	Bank Interest	22.78	Income y/e 31st March 2023	£7,060.86
450.00	Cemetery & Village	690.04	Expenses y/e 31st March 2023	£-4,658.07
0.00	Footpaths	0.00	Total	£14,620.94
0.00	General Income	50.00	Represented by	
200.00	Grants	0.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798	£14,730.94
5611.20	Precept D.C.C.	5584.00	Nat West a/c - 015102553	£-110.00
0.00	Playground	0.00	Uncleared movements	
0.00	Publications	0.00	Total	£14,620.94
600.00	Vat Refund	469.04		
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00		
7140.20	Total Income	7060.86		
	Expenses			
300.00	Allotments	350.00	Petty Cash	£0.00
1700.00	Cemetery & Village	0.00	Total	£14,620.94
0.00	Footpaths	0.00		
250.00	General Expenses	1076.35		
1400.00	Grass Cutting	1255.00		
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	4658.07		
140.20	Actual Surplus/Deficiet	2402.79		

Finances approved by Cllr Carlisle seconded by Cllr Hughes.

Precept and budget review was completed using the precept calculator.
Precept was agreed at £5775.00.

5 Planning

Nothing to report

6. Correspondence

-Cllr Tipping spoke to the northeast connection manager from Northern Powergrid on the 30th November. The work has started at Bowes.

Cllr Tipping as also had a meeting with PC Mark Gilchrist from Durham Police who confirmed that a TTRO (temporary traffic restriction order) will be applied to the bus turning circle at Bowes for two weeks before and after Appleby horse fair, the same period as Bridgegate in Barnard Castle. This is a success.

Resilience funding – we have received information on a small grant, not sure if this is relevant at this stage as we haven't had any interest.

7 Cemetery & Village maintenance

Permission for a plaque to be placed in the memorial garden “In memory of my husband Chris Carrell, from his wife Carole Carrell, Loved and Cherished. £70.00 fee plus a fixing fee of £11.5. I've stated that the plaque should be 140mm x 90mm placed horizontally, Carole has asked if we can suggest anyone to produce the plaque. Cllr Hughes said that the cobbler in Star Yard did a good job of the plaque for the bench, clerk to pass on their details.

8 Allotments –

All allotment holders have paid.

Review of the allotment agreement to be completed next month.

Cllr Hughes has offered to cut the elders at the side of the allotments.

9 Play Park

No issues.

10 Parish Paths

Cllr White reported an issue on the bridge on footpath number 9, East & West low field. Cllr Hughes logged it on “Do it online” FS -468104156 Highways reference for the repairs to the bridge.

11 AOB

Cllr Hughes to get a price for commemorate mugs.

Meeting closed at 20:21

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