

# Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council held at Bowes School on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

The meeting commenced at 7.30

## **Present**

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

### 1. **Apologies**

### 2. **Minutes of the Meeting**

held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Redfern , seconded by Cllr Hughes.

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

Bridge repairs requested on “Do it online” by Cllr Hughes case ref 457725603 – no update as yet. Clerk has added a news article onto our website asking people who may be interested in becoming Councillor to contact her via the contact me page on the Website.

Clerk also posted an article regarding the Emergency Community Plan. No contact has been made regarding either article.

Cllr Hughes will pop these onto social media to see if we get a better response.

Jonathan Wallis was introduced to all. Jonathan is a land agent working on our behalf with regard to the Highways work on the A66. All his fees are paid by Highways. We have received communications regarding the option for compulsory purchase of the land at the top of the village. Jonathan said that it was a good offer, market price plus a 20% uplift. The plot of land was discussed and it was agreed that if the purchase went ahead we would prefer it if the whole plot was purchased. It was also decided to have an end date on the option, probably 5 years. Jonathan explained that if we take up this option, we will receive an agreed amount plus 10%, if they decide in the future to purchase the land we will get the remaining amount due. The Councillors asked about the trees that had been planted there previously, apparently Highways must plant 5 trees for everyone they pull down, and it is unlikely ours will survive if they are transplanted. Councillors asked about the likely hood of the project proceeding, Jonathan said he hadn't heard of it being postponed. After discussions it was decided that the clerk would confirm by e-mail that we would like to go into a contract in principle, for the whole of the land, with an option to purchase with an end date. The clerk also confirmed that they would like to use McGarry & Co solicitors in Barnard Castle for our conveyancing work, Jonathan said Highways would also pick up these costs.

Cllr Tipping is trying to get hold of Sergeant Angela Drasdo with regards to the issues at the turning circle during the Appleby fair period, to no avail so far.

None of the Councillors were able to attend the S & D railway due to other commitments.

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet			As at 03/11/2022	
Year to 31st March 2023				
Budget	<b>Income</b>		<b>Cumulative Total</b>	
108.00	Allotments	218.00	Bank as at 31st March 2022	£12,218.15
1.00	Bank Interest	14.32	Income y/e 31st March 2023	£7,025.40
450.00	Cemetery & Village	690.04	Expenses y/e 31st March 2023	£-4,348.07
0.00	Footpaths	0.00	Total	£14,895.48
0.00	General Income	50.00	Represented by	
200.00	Grants	0.00	Nat West a/c - 21543798	£14,695.48
5611.20	Precept D.C.C.	5584.00	Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
0.00	Playground	0.00	Uncleared movements	
0.00	Publications	0.00	Total	£14,895.48
600.00	Vat Refund	469.04		
170.00	West Clint Field	0.00		
<b>7140.20</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7025.40</b>		
	<b>Expenses</b>			
300.00	Allotments	350.00	Petty Cash	£0.00
1700.00	Cemetery & Village	0.00	Total	£14,895.48
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		
<b>7000.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4348.07</b>		
<b>140.20</b>	<b>Actual Surplus/Deficiet</b>	<b>2677.33</b>		

Finances approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Tipping

## 5 Planning

DM/22/01631/FPA – Former department of transport storage depot, 4 dwellings including carports and demolition of existing buildings (resubmission of expired consent DM/19/00390/FPA) – refused.

## 6 Correspondence

Nothing of note.

## 7 Cemetery & Village maintenance

Quotation received from P & EJ Simpson to complete phase 2 of the cemetery works at £1950.00.

This is to reduce and reshape yew trees on bankside to the right-hand side of the steps and for all brash to be chipped and spread on bankside, or burnt in designated area. Cllr Carlisle suggested we accept the quotation, approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr White.

Request from William and Sons for a memorial to Robert Craig Parkin – approved.

Teesdale Memorials requested an amendment to an inscription for the Ettey's - approved

Parishener has requested permission to plant a tree, west of the seat in memory of Cliff Brown and a small plaque. Approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Redfern. Cllr Carlisle has offered to plant the tree on their behalf.

## 8 Allotments –

Allotment inspections have been completed, clerk to send out the following e-mail to all allotment holders “Parish Councillors inspected the Clint Fields allotments on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November and found many plots in a satisfactory condition. Others were commendable, but unfortunately a few seem to be used for storing or dumping rubbish such as old timber, scrap metal, old freezers and broken water tanks. The council hopes that these and other extraneous items will be removed before the next inspection in Spring 2023.

One allotment holder was asked if they wanted to continue with their allotment due to it's current state. The allotment holder is to be reminded that his allotment must be handed back in a reasonable and safe manner.

Cllr Carlisle has updated the allotment plan.

Permission has been given to the allotment holder for a hut on a base as per their plan.

9 **Play Park**

No issues.

10 **Parish Paths**

Nothing to report.

11 **AOB**

Parish Council are considering purchasing commemorate mugs.

Sign coming into Bowes from the A66, clerk to log it on "do it online", Cllr Redfern said he would send the clerk photos.

Meeting closed at 20:51

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