

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council

held at Bowes School on 19th March 2024

Present

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

1. Apologies

Cllr White.

Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 20th February 2024 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Hughes.

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

Clerk forwarded on an e-mail to the surface owner of the Byways at Sleightholme via Durham County Council. We are still awaiting a reply.

No parishioners have come forward to look after the flower bed near the playpark, we will have to manage it the best we can until we find someone.

Reference for the dog bin close to the stile up Clint lane at what 3 words - audible agrees merge is FS-Case-596858843.

3. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £44.51 Interest

Expenses since last meeting £554.00 Helen Overfield wages, £138.60 HMRC

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet				12/03/2024	
Year to 31st March 2024					
Budget	Income			Cumulative Total	
£ 108.00	Allotments	£ 180.00		Bank as at 31st March 2023	£9,925.03
£ 10.00	Bank Interest	£ 377.36		Income y/e 31st March 2024	£35,421.86
£ 700.00	Cemetery & Village	£ 1,353.50		Expenses y/e 31st March 2024	£-6,465.76
£ -	Footpaths	£ -		Total	£38,881.13
£ -	General Income	£ 27,416.00		Represented by	
£ 200.00	Grants	£ 100.00		Nat West a/c - 21543798	£38,681.13
£ 5,775.00	Precept D.C.C.	£ 5,775.00		Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
£ -	Playground	£ -		Uncleared movements	
£ -	Publications	£ -		Total	£38,881.13
£ 100.00	Vat Refund	£ -			
£ 170.00	West Clint Field	£ 220.00			
£ 7,063.00	Total Income	£ 35,421.86			
	Expenses				
£ 400.00	Allotments	£ 350.00		Petty Cash	£0.00
£ 2,000.00	Grant Expenditure	£ -		Total	£38,881.13
£ 200.00	Cemetery & Village	£ 716.19			
£ 500.00	Footpaths	£ -			
£ 1,400.00	General Expenses	£ 1,418.38			
£ 550.00	Grass Cutting	£ 1,080.00			
£ 2,000.00	Insurance	£ 568.54			
£ 400.00	Clerks salary	£ 1,559.60			
£ 100.00	PAYE	£ 389.75			
£ 100.00	Playground	£ 66.72			
£ 100.00	VAT	£ 316.58			
£ 7,650.00	Total Expenses	£ 6,465.76			
-£ 587.00	Actual Surplus/Deficit	£ 28,956.10			

Accounts approved by Cllr Carlisle, seconded by Cllr Hughes.

Clerk to look at higher interest accounts to move some of our money across to work for us.

Can we find out how much Startforth pays their handy man and are they self employed.

5 **Planning**

DM/24/004224/FPA – West Byre – Replace windows, doors, front gate, shed, fruit cage and garage door (retrospective). Proposed doors to detached barn and creation of hard standing. – with in the curtilage of a listed building and within the conservation order we question the use of plastic windows in the application.

6. **Correspondence**

Peter Andrews from “Park that bike project” has written to us offering free cycle parking and secure cycle-store facilities free of charge, the project is supported by Durham County Council. The Parish Council doesn’t own any land to put any racks or storage, but the clerk has sent the information onto Mr Bettison, chair of the village hall committee.

Andy Hampson contacted us with an offer of police support with Fraud/Scam awareness in our communities. They are a regional police team covering Northumbria, Durham and Cleveland force areas. Their job is to develop and deliver ways to empower individuals and organisations into being more resilient against fraud and economic crime. They also offer monthly newsletters. Clerk to add the newsletters to the website.

7 **Cemetery & Village maintenance**

Cllr Carlisle has collected the seat and assembled it. He has also spoken to Raymond regarding siting this within the next 3 weeks. Raymond has also been asked to complete the repairs to the wall in the allotments. Do it Online – Can you let us know when the repairs to the road will be completed from Bowes Church to Clint bridge giants.fizzle.ever to painters.gazed.lawfully

8 **Allotments –**

Clerk to e-mail plot holder - the parishioner who was going to take over the allotment has now changed their mind as there is too much work to do to bring it back to cultivation. I will remind you rules 2 and 14, below. If the plot is not back to a satisfactory state by the end of April we will have no alternative to engage a contractor to clean it at your expense.

(2.)The User shall keep the allotment free from weeds, and well manured, limed and otherwise maintained and kept tidy, in a proper state of cultivation.

(14)If you are removed or leave your allotment in an unsatisfactory condition you will be responsible for paying the costs of the clean up.

If you would prefer us to send in a contractor please let us know ASAP.

9 **Play Park**

Clerk to contact DCC the bin in the play park has not been emptied for at least a month. cherish.sheds.tapes.

10 **Parish Paths**

Nothing to report

11 **AOB**

Clerk to do it on line – road sign for Bowes is broken, the bottom third has been detached.
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Meeting closed at 20.50.

It was felt the above would have a positive effect.