

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council

held at Bowes School on 20th February 2024

Present

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

1. Apologies

2.

Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 23rd January 2024 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Carlisle, seconded by Cllr Tipping.

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

The farmer replied to us regarding the letter about the bull that was loose on the footpath near Swineholme. Clerk to reply, our main concern is that no one is injured. We will endeavour to find out where exactly this incident occurred and get back to you.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £51.01 Interest £50.00 Teesdale Memorial sale

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet				As at 11/02/2024	
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	£ 332.85		Income y/e 31st March 2024	£35,377.35
£ 700.00	Cemetery & Village	£ 1,353.50		Expenses y/e 31st March 2024	-£6,465.76
£ -	Footpaths	£ -		Total	£38,836.62
£ -	General Income	£ 27,416.00		Represented by	
£ 200.00	Grants	£ 100.00		Nat West a/c - 21543798	£38,636.62
£ 5,775.00	Precept D.C.C.	£ 5,775.00		Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
£ -	Playground	£ -		Uncleared movements	
£ -	Publications	£ -		Total	£38,836.62
£ 100.00	Vat Refund	£ -			
£ 170.00	West Clint Field	£ 220.00			
£ 7,063.00	Total Income	£ 35,377.35			
	Expenses				
£ 400.00	Allotments	£ 350.00		Petty Cash	£0.00
£ 2,000.00	Grant Expenditure	£ -		Total	£38,836.62
£ 200.00	Cemetery & Village	£ 716.19			
£ 200.00	Footpaths	£ -			
£ 500.00	General Expenses	£ 1,418.38			
£ 1,400.00	Grass Cutting	£ 1,080.00			
£ 550.00	Insurance	£ 568.54			
£ 2,000.00	Clerks salary	£ 1,559.60			
£ 400.00	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	£ 28,911.59			

Accounts approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

5 **Planning**

DM/23/03496/PA – Bowes Cross Farm – Prior approval for erection of a poly tunnel. Approved

6. **Correspondence**

Big Spring Clean – Durham County Council are looking for volunteers to litter pick between 21st February and 10th April. Poster printed for the notice board and added to the news section on the website.

Durham Community Action news update for February has also been added to the website.

Hugo fox, our website provider, has confirmed that they are fully compliant with the new WCAG2.2AA regulations.

Clerk to ask Durham County Council to forward the following to the surface owner of the Byways:-

Good evening Dagmar,

Bowes Parish Council formally objects to the re-designation of the highway from Sleightholme farm to the boundary with North Yorks as a Restricted Byway for the reasons stated in the e-mail to the surface owner.

I understand that due to GDPR you cannot share data on the surface owner. Could you therefore forward this e-mail to them on our behalf.

In view of the proposed redesignation of the public highway, Sleightholme farm to the Tan Hill Road west of Bowes, as a restricted byway we wish to inform you that certain residents of Bowes have used this highway with vehicular traffic since 1977 and before.

We have asked Durham County Council to forward this e-mail on to you because they are unable to share details of the surface owner.

Residents of Bowes would like to continue to use this byway, with your permission. If permission is granted, we will supply you with a list of parishioners that would like to carry on using this stretch of byway with vehicles.

We would also point out that there is a locked gate at the east end of the road and we were wondering if you were aware of this as any proposed changes have not yet been approved?

Bowes Parish Council have objected to the proposed re-designation of this highway for reasons stated above and also because the Western part of the road in North Yorkshire is currently a BOAT and will not be changed.”

7 **Cemetery & Village maintenance**

A R Toward has offered to extend his contract for 1 year at the same price – agreed unanimously. Cllr Carlisle has cut down the elderberry shoots in the cemetery, they will need to be moved to the corner ready for burning.

Cllr Hughes to speak to a parishioner regarding her son, would he be interested in looking after the flower garden near the play park. We pay £150 per year, paid in 3 instalments, 1st instalment up front. Plants will be paid for in addition to the £150.00.

8 **Allotments** –
Nothing to report.

9 **Play Park**
No issues at the moment, there are a few jobs awaiting the better weather.

10 **Parish Paths**
Lowfield bridge is being replaced with a plastic bridge by Durham County Council.
The foot path pole down the clint has fallen over and is leaning against the bank.
Clerk to contact DCC – can we have a dog bin near the footpath on the Clint, near the stile. What 3
words – audible.agrees.merge

11 **AOB**
Nothing to report.

Meeting closed at 20.20.
It was felt the above would have a positive effect.