

Minutes of the Meeting of Bowes Parish Council

held at Cllr Redfern's home 11th June 2024

Present

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

1. Apologies

2. Minutes of the Meeting

held Tuesday 14th May 2024 agreed to be a true record, approved by Cllr Hughes, seconded by Cllr Redfern.

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

Thanks to Mr & Mrs Redfern for hosting the parish meeting

Road sign for Bowes is broken, the bottom third has been detached, what 3 words - nests.debut.bits – FS-Case-610915637- This is now with their operations team who aim to complete the works within a 2 month timescale, dependant on priorities.

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

Reference 596858843 for a dog bin close to the stile up Clint lane at what 3 words - audible agrees merge. Durham County Council were unable to install but they will monitor the area.

4. Finance & Accounts – See summary below

Receipts since last meeting £54.64 Interest £123.50 J Blenkiron £327.72 HMRC Vat repayment and £220.00 for Clint Field

Expenses since last meeting £524.80 Clerks wages, £131.00 HMRC and £23.05 clerks fee not paid on Decembers pay. £135.00 A R Toward

Summary Bowes Parish Accounts & Balance sheet				31/05/2024	
Year to 31st March 2024					
Income				Cumulative Total	
£ 216.00	Allotments	£ 220.00		Bank as at 31st March 2024	£38,448.58
£ 480.00	Bank Interest	£ 111.03		Income y/e 31st March 2025	£6,881.85
£ 450.00	Cemetery & Village	£ 123.50		Expenses y/e 31st March 2025	-£755.65
£ -	Footpaths	£ -		Total	£44,574.78
£ -	General Income	£ -		Represented by	
£ -	Grants	£ -		Nat West a/c - 21543798	£44,374.78
£ 6,099.60	Precept D.C.C.	£ 6,099.60		Nat West a/c - 015102553	£200.00
£ -	Playground	£ -		Uncleared movements	
£ -	Publications	£ -		Total	£44,574.78
£ 327.72	Vat Refund	£ 327.72			
£ 220.00	West Clint Field	£ -			
£ 7,793.32	Total Income	£ 6,881.85			
Expenses					
£ 400.00	Allotments	£ -		Petty Cash	£0.00
£ 2,000.00	Grant Expenditure	£ -			
£ -	Cemetery & Village	£ -		Total	£44,574.78
£ 500.00	Footpaths	£ -			
£ 1,400.00	General Expenses	£ 349.59			
£ 550.00	Grass Cutting	£ 270.00			
£ 2,000.00	Insurance	£ -			
£ 500.00	Clerks salary	£ -			
£ 200.00	PAYE	£ -			
£ 600.00	Playground	£ 80.06			
	VAT	£ 56.00			
£ 8,150.00	Total Expenses	£ 755.65			
-£ 356.68	Actual Surplus/Deficit	£ 6,126.20			

The bank statement was checked against the accounts and approved by Cllrs Carlisle and Cllr Hughes.

Clerk has contacted Natwest to get 2 authorised signatories we would have to change the type of bank account we have. The new bank account would cost £20.00 per month. Clerk spoke to Barclays, they could offer 5 signatories and set up a chain for 2 of the signatories to approve payments. This account would cost £8.00 per month. Clerk also asked for details on long term, high interest accounts. We are waiting details.

Cllr Carlisle will speak to Skipton Building Society.

Accounts were approved by Cllr Redfern, seconded by Cllr Carlisle.

5 Planning

Nothing to report.

6 Correspondence

Clerk to contact the Post office to ask them to keep our regular Postman, Paul Dobson, on this route because he has a thorough knowledge of the round. Paul would like to continue on this route and the parishoners of Bowes don't want a repetition of the chaos that happened last time they swapped. Clerk to e-mail both the Regional Manager and Barnard Castle Brance and copy Adrian Hobbs into the e-mails

7 Cemetery & Village maintenance

There are a few areas in the walls that need mortar, we are waiting for a quotation.

Clerk to get a quotation from A R Toward for trimming the smaller Yew trees before November.

Cllr White has offered to meet him and show him what work will need completing.

8 Allotments –

We have a Parishioner who wishes to give up their allotment and another who would like to take it on. Clerk to organise the paperwork and let all parties involved know.

Clerk to contact an allotment holder in Clint Field to let them know that it has agreed for them to change the boundary of their allotment to Bowes Parish Council's posts to create a straight boundary on the east side of the allotment, as per the conversation with Cllr White.

9 Play Park

The seat purchased by the Bowes Coffee Morning Group has been sited by Bowes Parish Council and Cllr Carlisle has purchase and attached a plaque.

Cllr Redfern reported that two railings are missing/broken and that both sets of swing seats need replacing. Clerk to get a price from Playdale for the supply and to supply and fit. Also ask Playdale would it be possible to replace our slide with a higher slide?

10 Parish Paths

Cllr White has a new contact, Kelly Harrison, Rights of Way Officer at Durham County Council. He has taken photos of the rotten gate and there is likely to be funding for this work.

11 New Clerk

Cllrs Carlisle and Hughes have agreed to attend the interviews for the new clerk on Tuesday 25th June to be held at the school. Interviews to start at 7:30, Cllr Tipping agreed to stand in if needed. Cllr Carlisle will prepare a brief introduction about Bowes and the role followed by questions for the interviewee, which were agreed tonight, followed by a question and answer section.

12 AOB

Meeting closed at 21:06.

It was felt the above would have a positive effect.