

# **BOWLAND FOREST HIGHER DIVISION PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of Parish Council meeting 30th May 2023, held at Dunsop Bridge Village Hall following the AGM

**Present:** Cllr J Whitney - chairman  
Cllr S Bennett  
Cllr B Powney  
Cllr A O'Rourke  
Mrs R Carr – clerk  
Cllr S Hore, RVBC

**Apologies for absence** were received from Ms Laura Airton, Ms Lydia Richards and Mrs Lara Thompson, all Duchy of Lancaster.

**Minutes of the previous meeting** held on 1st March 2023 were read, approved and signed.

**Matters arising:** to ask the Duchy about duck feeding and roaming cockerels and misunderstanding about letter sent on behalf of parish council and Duchy about cockerels. Cllr O'Rourke has started planting around the boundary stones and community garden and it was suggested to advertise a working party and ask the Duchy about bulb planting. Cllr Hore will chase up the enquiry with RVBC about mending the car park fence. HARP – the proposals have gone to the Secretary of State and now waiting to hear if it is being 'called in'- the parish council had added its signature to a letter requesting this.

## **Elections**

Cllrs Whitney, Bennett, Powney and O'Rourke had been re-elected to the council following local elections. Cllr Yates had decided not to stand. The council can co-opt someone onto the council – potential people were proposed.

## **Finance**

Reserve account: £3275.51 – received interest £5.34

Current account: £4171.10 – received precept £2167, lengthsman grant from LCC £600 and coronation grant from RVBC £500.

It was agreed to pay insurance £326.62

Quotes for mowing had been received from T Bennett and A West with T Bennett being chosen to carry out the work this year.

## **Correspondence**

1. Proposal for a communications mast on land at Hareden – to respond saying this would spoil the visual beauty of the area, the building and servicing of the site and generator use would upset the natural environment and the work of RSPB and Natural England in the area.

2. Matt Donnelly has been successful with a crowdfunding initiative and it was agreed to site a small hut for play/sports equipment in the far corner of the football field. Cllr Bennett will contact Alex West about marking out the football pitch.

3. Emails had been sent to Cllr Swarbrick, LCC about Burholme Bridge needing repairing and enquiring about whether the Little Bowland road was due to be closed. Replies had said the bridge should be repaired once insurance had been sorted out and the road closure was not imminent.
4. A running event is to be held from the village on 2<sup>nd</sup> July – to check with the Duchy.
5. An enquiry about a memorial bench on the green – the council approved this with a preference for the bench to be made from recycled materials and it would need to be placed on a concrete base.
6. Cllr Hore had reported the poor state of the road from car park to Woodend – it was agreed to follow this up with a letter to Cllr Swarbrick. Also to ask about new posts erected near Lane Ends
7. Cllr Hore said there was due to be a road rally at Leagram on 23/24<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### **Events**

The coronation event on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May was well attended and the weather was very kind. Thanks were expressed to the organisers and Matt Donnelly for organising games.

### **AOB**

It was agreed to ask the dog warden about placing signs on the football field gate regarding dogs on the field.

### **Next meeting**

This is to be held on Tuesday 18th July 2023 in the village hall  
The meeting closed at 9.10pm.