

BOWLAND FOREST HIGHER DIVISION PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting 1st March 2023, held at Dunsop Bridge Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Whitney - chairman
Cllr S Bennett
Cllr B Powney
Cllr D Yates
Cllr A O'Rourke
Mrs R Carr – clerk
Ms Lydia Richards, Duchy of Lancaster

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hore, RVBC, Ms Laura Airtton and Mrs Lara Thompson, both Duchy of Lancaster and Cllr Swarbrick, LCC.

Minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th January 2023 were read, approved and signed.

Matters arising: the rat situation has hopefully improved: Matt Donnelly has launched a crowdfunding campaign for a shed and sports equipment on the football field – to ask him about his risk assessments and plans and ask the council's insurers about this: clerk to get in touch with Alex West about marking the football pitch: Cllr O'Rourke has weeded the garden area near the Working Men's Club and thinks it is best to postpone entering the Best Kept Village competition for a few years- there is a problem with duck feeding on the village green – Ms Richards will look at this: Cllr O'Rourke mentioned planting wildflowers on the verges between the cenotaph and Lane Ends – it was decided to try half planting/half mowing these areas this year:the clerk to contact the lengthsman about the cenotaph garden again and AONB about the broken footpath gate near Holmehead:Diane Marsden said it was free for us to maintain the website – the clerk will do this.

Finance

Reserve account: £3263.47

Current account: £1489.80 – received £130 from Woodend for grazing the field. Agreed to pay £100 for website creation and to pay for maintenance of (school) defibrillator battery and village hall rent when invoices are sent.

Correspondence

1. Mrs Thompson had sent an update about the Duchy building works – progressing well at Root. The firm will move to the garage site in mid-March. There will be screening to soften the impact of the demolition and building works. The Duchy has identified the contractors for the next stage of construction.
2. HARP – there was an update meeting at Newton organised by Newton PC which Cllr Yates and Mrs Carr attended. A summary has been circulated and placed in the noticeboard – it is hoped the application will be 'called in' by the Secretary of State.
3. Photographic identification is required to vote – notices about this have been circulated.
4. Sport England & National Lottery funding – sent to Matt Donnelly and Charlotte Hamblett

Events

It was agreed to hold a picnic in the park, community lunch to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III on Sunday 7th May from 12pm

AOB

To ask Keith Wells to renew car park fence and RVBC about the overgrowth next to the fence.

Clerk to make enquiries about election forms from RVBC.

Next meeting

This is to be held on Tuesday 30th May 2023 in the village hall

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.