

Bowsden Parish Council

Minutes of **Parish Council Meeting** held at Bowsden Village Hall

on Monday 15th September 2014

Present: Parish Councillors: Ian Jackson (Chairman), Julie Gibbs, Derek Snee, Jayne Watson, David Wilson and Sandra Mansell (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. D Watkin N.C.C.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** The minutes of the meeting on Monday 14th May were accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising** – The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by the NCC regarding the problems on the Local Transport Plan where the village road joins the B6525 and had been told it would be considered again as they thought the work had been completed.
5. **Finance & Audit** – The updated accounts were circulated which included the second half of the precept. It was agreed that a request for assistance for funding the Village Hall would be looked on favorably should an application be made. It was noted that there would be a small increase in the NALC subscription of around £8 for 2015/16 and agreed that there should be no application for an increase in precept for 2015/16.
6. **Planning Applications** – There were no applications to discuss.
After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would not respond to the SHLAA documents.

The three proposed alterations to the Definitive Map & Statement of Public Rights of way were discussed with responses as agreed below:
No 22 It was agreed that the PC would object to the downgrading as this route was well used by the farming community, local residents and all services particularly post and refuse collection.
No 21 The proposal to make the section marked between H & J to a Byway Open to All Traffic was noted.
For clarity it was agreed that an explanation regarding No 32 should be sent. The existing public bridleway had not been used in the past, was not accessible and would have been a danger where it joined the B6525.
7. **Barmoor Wind Farm** – The Chairman explained that no meetings had taken place since the last Parish Council meeting but he would be attending a meeting on 1st October and would report back.
8. **Any Other Business** – The Chairman made the point that the installation of the Fibre Optic Cable had been of considerable inconvenience particularly as no notification had been given. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Cllr. Watkin why there had been no notification from the County Council and try to ascertain the timescales for connectivity.

It was agreed that the Clerk should request clearing of the surface water drains throughout the village and David Wilson agreed to contact Northumbrian Water about clearing the sewerage system again.

Date of Next Meeting 1st December at 6.30pm