

Bowsden Parish Council

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

on Monday 14th July 2014

Present: Parish Councillors: Ian Jackson (Chairman), Julie Gibbs, Derek Snee, Jayne Watson, David Wilson and Sandra Mansell (Parish Clerk) with Cllr. D Watkin N.C.C., Sergeant Andy Pullen & Constable Sean Amer from Northumbria Police.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** There were no Apologies
2. **Declaration of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** The minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 13th May were unanimously accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising** – There had still been no response to the proposal for an Emergency Response Course. It was therefore agreed to include details in the next Bugle to again assess if there was any interest.
5. **Finance & Audit** – The accounts to date were noted as was the acceptance of the accounts for 2013/14 by the auditors who had not found any items of concern.
6. **Planning Applications** – There were no applications to discuss.
7. **Local Transport Plan** – It was noted that two items remained on the Local Transport Plan from as far back as 2011. Cllr. Watkin explained that the County Council were gradually clearing the backlog. David Wilson made the point that work had recently been carried out to repair pavements but this had been of a very poor standard. It was agreed that the problems already noted should remain on the plan with the addition of the request for deer warning signs on the B6525 as requested in May.
8. **Any Other Business** – The Chairman reported that there had been a constructive meeting of the Wind Farm working group with a further meeting planned for 30th July. Funding priorities would be within the local geographic area but projects outside this area would be considered. Funding would not be available for running costs of, for example, Village Halls and EDF were keen to fund renewable energy projects. The decision was taken that fund management would be with the Community Foundation with information being passed to the panel. It was noted that the local panel member would remain in place when their own community issues were discussed and, although EDF consultation with local communities appeared to be a waste of resources it would not be taken from the Community Fund. Concerns were expressed around the Community Foundation retaining funds rather than funds being in a trust fund for each community.

It was noted that EDF had paid for gates to help to ensure the safety of children at Lowick primary School.

Andy Pullen & Sean Amer from Northumbria Police introduced themselves and there was discussion on some local issues.

It was felt that the Neighbourhood Plans proposed would not be applicable to Bowsden and the Clerk would ensure that the village Grit Bin would be replenished within the County Council Scheme.

Date of Next Meeting 15th September at 6.30pm