

## **Bowsden Parish Council**

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

on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 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. & Constable Sean Amer from Northumbria Police.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** There were no apologies.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest but it was noted that Cllr. Watkin would take no part in the Planning Application discussions.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** The minutes of the meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September were accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising** – In answer to a question the Clerk reported that she hadn't had any feedback about the Rights of Way.

David Wilson explained that a camera was to be used to check the sewerage system and the current private drainage system for the houses behind the Black Bull would be connected to the mains.

In answer to a question from the Chairman Cllr. Watkin explained that contractors had the right to do their work without any consultation with local communities. It was noted that the connection boxes were still required prior to connecting up the Fibre Optic system.

5. **Finance & Audit** – The updated accounts were circulated which included payment of the funding of £500 towards the costs of running the Village Hall.
6. **Planning Applications** – The Planning Application for the extensions to Whistlebare had been circulated ahead of the meeting. The Parish Council was happy to accept the application and would include their support in the response.
7. **Barmoor Wind Farm** – The Chairman had attended his last meeting and it was noted that the panel of 12 would be in place shortly including 7 from Parish Councils, 3 elected from the applications submitted and 1 each from EDF and the Community Foundation.

David Wilson provided details of the Village Hall's application for Solar Panels and Derek Snee explained the application for a Projector, Screen etc. for the hall. It was felt that it wasn't a problem to put in two applications initially.

It was noted that there had been some delays energizing the system and Cllr. Watkin made the point that there may be some interference with electrical equipment and any problems should be reported to the N.C.C. Planning Department.

8. **Any Other Business** – The Chairman warned of a fraudulent attempt to obtain money from farmers and Sean Amer provided information about money being falsely obtained for a supposed deaf charity. It was also noted that there were less Farm Watch Reports due to major perpetrators having been apprehended.

**Date of Next Meeting** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm