

## **Bowsden Parish Council**

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

on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015

**Present:** Parish Councillors: Ian Jackson (Chairman), Julie Gibbs, Derek Snee, Sandra Mansell (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Jayne Watson and Sean Amer.
2. **Declaration of Interest:** There were no declarations of interest.
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** The minutes of the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> May were accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising** – It was noted that the Solar Panels for the Village Hall were now in place and Audio Video equipment had been purchased and tested.
5. **Finance** – The current financial statement was accepted.
6. **Planning Applications** – There were no Planning Applications.
7. **Barmoor Community Funding** – The suggestion of a Defibrillator, put forward by a resident, was Discussed. It was felt that, although this was a useful idea, residents would be unlikely to come forward for training. It was agreed that the Clerk would approach residents to see if there was any interest. It was noted that CPR training would also be useful.
8. **Any Other Business** – It was agreed that, yet again, the poor condition of the road at the eastern end of the village where it joins the B6525 would be included in the Local Transport Plan requests as it was felt that it does affect the access to the village.

David & Norma Wilson were thanked for all their time given to looking after the flower boxes in the village. Harry & Eileen Wilson had offered to look after the boxes at the eastern end of the village, this was accepted with thanks also going to Chris Jackson for tidying the boxes at the western end.

The Neighbourhood Plan put forward by the Norham & Islandshire Parish Council's Association as presented by Rae Huntly prior to the meeting was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would circulate the previous plan and talk to Cllr. Watkin.

**Date of Next Meeting** 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm

Prior to the meeting Rae Huntley had explained the Norham & Islandshire Parish Council's Association's Neighbourhood Plan which the group hoped Bowsden would join. Mr Huntley made the point that, in future, the only way to object to planning applications would be through the local County Councillor. If the association of Parish Council's plan was accepted it would run until 2030, have more impact and could not be overridden by individual applications. An overall plan to include housing, general development, tourism, building conversions, rights of way and small energy schemes would have more impact.

Shared funding of £14,000 was available to update the current village plan to be included in an overall plan and assist with consultations with the County Council. This was likely to take two years. Mr Huntley explained that Ord Parish Council would take the lead and felt that the County Council could

disregard Bowsden's views if the village was not part of the plan which would be based on Allendale's plan which would be on the County Council website shortly.