

Draft minutes of the virtual meeting of Bowsden Parish Council on Tuesday, 10th November 2020.

Present: Councilors Ian Jackson (in the chair), Graeme Reavley, Julie Gibbs, Jayne Watson (for part of meeting), Rob O'Rourke, Harry Wilson and Mike Simpson (parish clerk).

Parishioners – None

1. Apologies for absence – None.
2. Declarations of interest – Jayne Watson in respect of item 11, Rights of Way (shared footpaths/bridleways with Kyloe Parish).
3. Minutes of the meeting of 17th February 2020 – Approved and signed by the chairman.
4. Matters arising – None.
5. Finance – The current balance is £2762.98.
6. Keeping Lowick & District Connected – Bowsden's volunteers will liaise on potential recipients of a Xmas hamper as there will be no Xmas lunch this year.
A Xmas card designed by the children of Lowick school will be delivered to residents in the parish. Volunteer posties welcome.
NCC are running their Snow Warden Scheme again and details are on their website.
7. 464 bus service – Harry briefed councilors on the suspension of the bus entering the village and on his investigation of the impact on parishioners using the service. The parish council were keen that a precedent should not be set and asked the clerk to find out how long this situation would last and to explore any short-term compromise solution to enable the bus to resume its village pick- ups.
8. Re-siting of the 2 glass recycling bins – Alternative sites were considered but it was thought best to leave the bins next to the post box for the time being. The clerk confirmed that NCC would continue to empty them from this location.
9. Clerk's update (telephone box, park fencing and west end speed signs) – The clerk updated the council on the completion of these items which had been running year to date.
Graeme kindly offered to fix the 3 x "Danger – Drop Below" signs to the new fencing of the Bowsden Burn running through the park.

The clerk has reported the damaged grit bin lid to NCC.

The clerk has asked NCC if the grass verges between the new speed sign position and the flower planters can be added to their grass cutting in the village.

10.Result of complaint to NCC on their administration of the Local Transport Plan Programme (LTPP).

The clerk reported that our wishes under the 2020-21 LTPP had not been successful and that our road surface repairs would be considered under the general maintenance programme.

The clerk has written to NCC with suggestions on how the Parish Guidance Notes on the LTPP may be improved to produce better wish lists from and improved outcomes for parish councils.

The clerk was asked to draft a letter to NCC, to be approved by the council, for clarification of the delay to their successful request for the re-siting of speed signs under the 2019-20 LTPP.

11.Correspondence received by the council – The clerk briefed the council on correspondence received between July and October 2020.

The council will respond to an enquiry by Kyloe parish council on the condition of shared footpaths/bridleways to assist their discussions with the County Footpath Officer. Julie agreed to assist the clerk with this.

12.Any other business – None.

13.Date of next meeting – Tuesday, 19th January at 7.0.pm. This will be a virtual meeting.