

Bowsden Parish Council

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

on Thursday 18th January 2018

Present: Parish Councillors: Ian Jackson (Chairman), Julie Gibbs, Graeme Reavley, David Wilson, Derek Snee, Sandra Mansell (Parish Clerk), and Residents, Mrs D Hudson and Mr & Mrs Denham

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 27th September 2017 were accepted as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising** – Graeme Reavley reported that the application for Speed Signage funding from the Community Foundation Fund was not acceptable and, having contacted the County Council there would be no decision before April at the earliest.
5. **Finance** – The current financial position was noted. The precept request for 2018/2019 was discussed and agreed at the current level of £1,100 having considered possible spending that would be required.

The Clerk reported that there would be a change of auditors for the coming audit and Derek Snee questioned the charge of £36 that had been levied for a letter that had been sent by the auditors requesting an explanation of the additional 1% (i.e. £10) of expenditure. The Clerk made the point that it was her mistake and she had paid the fee herself. It was agreed that the Clerk's expenses would remain at £150 annually but the Council should reimburse the £36 fee.

6. **Planning Applications** – There were no Planning Applications to discuss. It was noted that the application by Graeme Reavley for a Polytunnel for Lambing Use had been agreed out of meeting with the Chairman and Graeme declaring an interest and not voting.

7. **Any Other Business** – David Wilson put forward the suggestion that two disabled parking spaces should be marked outside the Village Hall. It was felt that this could exacerbate the current parking problems but agreed that the County Council should be contacted for their views.

The Clerk had circulated a Data Protection document and reported that she would be attending a meeting on the subject. New regulations required a 'Council Policy Checklist' and this had also been circulated although not yet complete.

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 12th April at 7pm