

Bowsden Parish Council

Draft Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in Bowsden Village Hall

on Wednesday 18th of July 2018

Present: Parish Councillors: Ian Jackson (Chair), David Wilson, Julie Gibbs, Jayne Watson, Graeme Reavley and Michael Simpson (Parish Clerk)

4 residents

1. Apologies for Absence: Derek Snee

2. Declaration of Interest: Ian Jackson, Graeme Reavley and Jayne Watson in respect of item 7, "Planning Applications"

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting of on the 9th of May 2018 were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising:

- a) NCC Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2018/19 feedback confirmed that the minor improvements to 30mph speed limit signs at the west end of the village and deer crossing warning signs on the B6525 would **not** be included in the LTP
- b) Confirmation received that parish councils do not have to appoint a Data Protection Officer under the Data Protection Act 2018.

5. Finance: The current financial position was noted at £1128.31.

6. Note from Mr H Wilson:

- a) **Neighbourhood Plan** – The view of the parish council had not changed since the issue was last before them in February, 2016. It is a small parish and the costs including time of producing a plan would not necessarily produce better outcomes, as say on planning matters.
- b) **Flower boxes** – The council are pleased to provide a financial contribution for replacement boxes at the east end of the village. Councillors thought the boxes gave a lovely welcome to the village and thanked Mr and Mrs Wilson for their planting and care of the boxes. Mr Wilson is to obtain costs to pass to the clerk.

7. Planning Application 18/02001/FUL (Retrospective):

Councillor David Wilson in the chair.

The council did not have the quorate to vote on the application. The council had read all of the written objections and invited attendees to add any further comments that they wished to make.

The clerk was instructed to write to the county planning department to say that a site inspection of the buildings including viewing from the neighbouring "Balintore" property

and full consideration of the written objections should be part of the decision making on the application. The parish council also wish to be kept informed.

8. Correspondence to the parish council update:

- a) Draft Northumberland Local Plan – The clerk has a paper and a CD copies that are available to residents to borrow.
- b) Local Transport Plan Programme (LTR) 2019020 – NCC invite the parish to state our top three highways and transport priority issues for consideration and possible inclusion in the programme. Closing date is before 30th September 2018.
- c) NCC Licensing Department have invited comments on their draft Statement of Principles. It relates to gambling and details can be found on www.northumberland.gov.uk/Busines/licences/Consutl.aspx
- d) A new Communications Manager for the North East has been appointed by Highways England. Responsibilities include communicating to residents, businesses and other stakeholders about maintenance and major road works happening in the area. The clerk has provided our contact details.
- e) The Barmoor Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund is accepting applications for their October meeting.

9. Any other business: None

10. Date of next meeting: To be agreed

The above draft minutes are subject to ratification by the Parish Council at their next meeting.

