

BOWLAND FOREST (LOWER DIVISION) PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Meeting held on 21ST November 2024 in Whitewell Social Hall at 7pm

PRESENT – Cllr J Alpe (Chairman), T Robinson, G Robinson, S Miller and C Bowman
Mrs S Pinder (Clerk)
Teresa Potter

MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting were read, approved and signed

MATTERS ARISING

CORONATION GARDEN

Teresa Potter gave an update on the coronation woodland garden.

The Duchy have cleared most of the woodland and planted new trees and paid for the expenditure so far.

Duchy have also cleared and will take complete responsibility for the triangle at the bottom of Hall Hill. They are to pay for all waste wood to be removed and will pay for 3days maintenance per year.

Teresa is to meet with Geraint and Lydia on Friday to discuss where the project goes forward.

She has asked Cllr Alpe to give her a printout of expenses expected to be covered by the parish council before her meeting.

Cllrs Alpe and G Robinson have met with Keith Wells to discuss the fencing at the base of the garden. Whilst he is unable to help with the work he has guided them on the best way forward. River gravel is to be put behind the posts to help drain water away. This work will be done in the spring

Fundraisers to be undertaken later in the year to raise funds for the works.

Safari supper – Saturday in June

Promise Auction – August/September

Clerk to contact RVBC to obtain list of all properties in the parish so that information can be sent to them all and to look into possible grant schemes

Clerk raised the issue of insurance covering any works. She pointed out that the council does not have a lease on the land from the Duchy and wondered if in fact it is correct to be carrying out works on this basis. This was backed by Cllr Miller, who also has concerns. After discussion Teresa has agreed to bring up the matter when she meets with the Duchy on Friday.

BANK ACCOUNT

Barclays Bank £1544.59

EXPENDITURE

RVBC website fees £19.32 payment made

S J Pinder _ Clerks expenses £400 payment made

Meeting closed 7.40pm