

**DRAFT MINUTES SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION  
BOLTON PERCY, COLTON & STEETON PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2018  
IN THE TOLD SCHOOL, BOLTON PERCY AT 7.30PM**

**Present:** Councillors Stewart Steele, David Robinson, John Taylor, Richard Isherwood, Martin Lister and Kevin Robertson.

**Apologies:** Prof Taylor

**Public present:** 6

**Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 2nd May 2017 were signed as correct by Cllr S Steele.**

**Chairman's Report**

During the past year, a lot of the Council's time has been taken up with proposed developments and the effects on villages of plans already passed. Particularly with regard to surface water and foul drainage. Both these issues and the management of them continue to cause great inconvenience to residents of both main villages.

In planning matters, the Parish Council decided to engage a firm of consultants to advise on one large application in Bolton Percy, but this may or may not be repeated.

Four new seats have been purchased (two for each village) and these will hopefully soon be installed.

The old phone box in Bolton Percy is now a book exchange, like the Colton one, and seems to be popular. We had one or two spells of winter and the pump has been in use at times.

Many thanks to all councillors for their work and support over the past year. Thanks also to our County and District Councillor, Richard Musgrave for his help, Nun Appleton Estates for maintenance of the village green and for allowing access to the pump, SDC for the upkeep of the closed churchyard and Derek King for kindly auditing the Parish Council accounts.

All our thanks must of course go to Joyce, our Parish Clerk, for all her work for everyone.

Stewart Steele - Chairman

**Financial Report**

Clerk produced the financial report, which also had copies for the general public present. This gave details of all payments and receipts over the past year. The balance of monies held in each of the three accounts held by the Parish Council. Current, Pump and Development. The breakdown of all payments and receipts plus the breakdown of expenditure for the forthcoming year.

Cllr Taylor brought up the subject of the Pump Account. He wanted explanations of where this money comes from, and it was explained that it was from monthly contributions from residents of Pump Alley who are most affected by the possibility of homes flooding. It was explained to him how these donations were implemented, after the Parish Council received monies from Environment Agency, Awards for All and SDC also donations from local residents, as it had to be proved local people were also involved in fund raising to purchase the pump which we still have in the village. He was not happy with expecting this small group of people contributing towards the running cost and possible upgrade of the pump in the future.

After discussion by both councillors and public present, it was felt all residents of the Parish should make a small contribution, through the Precept received from SDC.

A decision was made to continue with these donations for this financial year, when a decision has to be made on the Precept for 2018/19 required from SDC. Councillors asked the question if the CIL monies could be used to enhance the monies built up for eventually the purchase of a new pump in the future. All councillors agreed to this course of action.

**Open Forum**

**Date of next Annual Parish Meeting**