

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 9th March 2017

Present: Cllr. M. Robson, Cllr. P. Bardon, Cllr. P. Beadle, Cllr S. Hoyland, Cllr. D. Gray, Cllr. E. Storm, Cllr. P. Chapman, Cllr. A. Turner and Cllr. G. France.

Also present were County Cllr. R. Baker and the Clerk, Alexandra Little.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and Graham France back onto the council.

1. Members of the Public - 3

A Member of the public raised the issue of what they consider to be unfairness in the positioning of the new BT telegraph pole. Cllr Robson had spoken to the BT engineer who had explained the reason was Health and Safety, regarding height and ability of the pole to be climbed. BT are also unable to fasten cables to chimney pots. There are Wayleaves in place to allow utilities to provide services to the residents therefore it is a statutory right for BT to put the pole up, however the Parish Council are happy to support the resident and request be to consider an alternative site for this post.

2. Apologies for absence from Cllr. G. Foxton.

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 9th February 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. NY Police Incident Report:

Not available, no member of NYP in attendance.

5. Report from County Councillor Baker:

Councillor Baker discussed the Local Government awards at which NYCC came first for their work with the Police and second as council of the year. The Blakey Bridge repair is not the final solution, a permanent one will be found when there is room in the NYCC capital budget. Road markings are being refreshed at Town End and he is still working on the additional crossing on Topcliffe Road.

6. Reports from District Councillors: nothing additional to report.

Cllr Hoyland raised issues with the new street lights as The Flatts footpath and cycle path ones have been replaced with LED. There was an issue with these being shut off overnight but this seems to have been resolved. His question for this council is how do we defend the integrity of the conservation area as these new style lights would give a massive change to the outlook of the parish. Clarification was given that these are actually county council lights. The issue with timing should not have happened. SPC also need to write to the council and ask why they have not been consulted about the changes to LED because no documents were received from them regarding the change.

Resolved Clerk to write to Wendy Cullen Lighting Officer for an explanation

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7. To discuss matters arising:

Nothing further has been heard re the provision of catering at Housing 21.

Memorial Park Railings will start on 20 March.

Street Scene attended to deal with the leaf problem that was raised in the letter last month.

8. Planning Applications:

see appendix i

There is concern from residents regarding the application on Sowerby Road relating to parking and the potential of putting 5 vehicles onto an already congested road with the addition of 2 more. Generally it is felt that the property will tidy up the area.

Resolved the Parish Council wish to see both applications approved with the caveat that the vehicular access will be reviewed on Sowerby Road

9. Financial Matters:

9a Receipts None

9b To Note and Approve Payments

see appendix ii

Thirsk and Sowerby Festival had requested the £500 SPC had pledged.

Resolved £500 previously agreed to be paid at this meeting

10. New Agenda Items: Footpath maintenance.

Some remedial work is necessary, although the previous work has been effective so less should need doing than in previous years. Some of the areas are: Blakey Lane footpath, the snicket at The Limes, entrance to Sowerby Parochial Hall and Beech Close.

Resolved this decision be delegated to Chairman/Vice Chairman and contractor and be undertaken as soon as possible

11. Correspondence for information only

Cllrs Hoyland and Beadle will attend the Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting.

12. Sub Committees: Cllr Foxtan had submitted a written report from the Town Hall meeting.

13. Any other business that may be legally discussed:

Cllr France mentioned that there have been some opportunistic burglaries and could SPC get some leaflets or posters from the local police, the Clerk will look into this.

A discussion took place about bins and the issue of residents leaving bins out.

The Clerk & Chairman have reviewed the safety surfaces in the play area and as some remedial work is necessary, quotes will be requested.

Skips being placed on the Village Green have been dealt with.

14. Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th April 2017

The meeting closed at 8.14 pm

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Appendix i Planning

Decisions		SPC Comments	Decision
17/00025/FUL	4 Mowbray Place Alterations to Doors and Windows	WTSA	Refused
17/00044/FUL	8 South Terrace Removal of external chimney stack	WTSA	Granted
17/00049/FUL	56 Victoria Avenue Single Storey Extension	WTSA	Granted
16/02684	The Haven, Back Lane Demolition of Conservatory and construction of extension	WTSA	Granted

Applications

17/00263/FUL	Garages, Front Street, Sowerby Demolition and two storey dwelling constructed
17/00443/FUL	29 Kings Gardens, Sowerby Construction of self contained Granny Annex

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Appendix ii Finance

Balances

Community Account as 28th February 2017	£ 95,783.84
Business Saver Account Balance as 28th February 2017	£ 9,042.35

Receipts

07.03.2017	Thirsk Town Council Grass Cutting Share	£ 690.66
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Payments	Chq No	£	VAT
06.02.2017	BT	84.84	14.56
18.02.2017	NEST Standing Order Clerk Pension	72.97	
03.03.2017	Office Rent Standing Order Payment	312.00	
09.03.2017	SGS Gritting and Park Horse Bridge	100.00	20.00
09.03.2017	Allianz Renewal of Machine Options Policy	435.60	87.12
09.03.2017	C M A Little Office Supplies/Paper/Keyboard & Mouse/Stamps	134.78	
09.03.2017	Thirsk High School Charity Donation	100.00	
15.02.2017	C M A Little Clerk's Salary	737.92	
09.03.2017	Thirsk & Sowerby Festival Charity Donation	500.00	

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Appendix iii Correspondence

Emails have been circulated during the time since the last meeting and no further action necessary

Letter, anonymous, from resident re litter on Victoria Avenue - dealt with by Clerk

Hambleton Spring Conference 19th May

Hambleton Council Business Awards nomination pack

Advise of Grass Cutting payment of £700 for 2017/18 from NYCC

Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting 18th May invitation

Reply from Clerk and further correspondence from Parishioner about leaves on Topcliffe Road

Invitation for Chairman and Consort to attend St Georges Day Service at Ripon from Scouts

Letter from Resident re placing of Telegraph Pole