

Sowerby Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 14th September 2017

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

Also present were County Councillor Baker, 2 members of the public and the Clerk, Alexandra Little

1. A member of the public raised the issue of damage to Blakey Bridge which has been reported to Highways and is not considered to be dangerous and will be monitored.
2. Apologies for absence received from Cllrs A Turner and P Chapman. The Parish Councillors send best wishes to Cllr Chapman who is unwell at the moment.
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 13th July 2017 were signed as a correct record.
4. Co Option of Parish Councillor - Cllr France proposed C Snowden as a Co Opted councillor, which was seconded by Cllr Gray and agreed unanimously.
Resolved Clerk to correspond with Mr Snowden and relevant paperwork to be completed.

5. No NY Police present

6. County Councillor Baker advised that funding for enhanced stonework on Blakey Bridge was going to be available in 2018/2019 financial year which will also include improved signage. Any issues with listed building will be reviewed with English Heritage.
Resolved Cllrs Baker and Robson will meet Highways urgently, to review signage.

No further applications for funding have been received by Cllr Baker from TIC, despite them being invited to apply. Cllr Robson finds this disappointing. Some NYCC funds were donated to Thirsk Festival, Cllr Baker passed congratulations to all involved.

7. District Councillors
 - a. Cllr Robson updated the Parish Council that substantial amounts of work were going into the development of the Sports Village. Hambleton District Council Cabinet members will receive a report in November for approval and £1.5 million will be released with phase 3 of the Gateway which will trigger first works comprising Fitness Trail, Parking, Allotments and Landscaping of the site.
 - b. Only 3/5 Libraries have claimed the funds HDC made available via the Making A Difference fund
8. Matters arising from minutes
 - a. The Chairman reiterated the decision of the Parish Council to leave the snicket at the side of the Limes with the surface it has.
 - b. Front Street tree works have been undertaken and paid for. A further inspection will take place once the leaves have dropped.
9. Planning Applications
 - a. Decisions and New Applications see appendix i
 - b. Sowerby Gateway Update
Cllr Hoyland raised an issue about affordable housing on the 3rd phase of Sowerby Gateway, he proposed that Sowerby Parish Council write to the Chief Executive of

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Hambleton District Council for a full explanation regarding the application approved with a reduction of affordable housing in this part of the development to 0%.

Lengthy discussions took place between all councillors. The Parish Council are disappointed with the findings of the Independent District Valuer, agreeing to 0% , but acknowledged the provision of 32 bungalows in the third phase.

Cllrs Bardon and Robson explained in detail the reasoning for this mainly being the escalating cost of the multi junction and other associated Section 106 facilities. Cllr Robson advised that part of the planning consent includes an overage condition, which will allow other monies to be input to boost affordable housing. Cllr Robson, in his role as Leader of HDC, is working to secure funding from other partners to facilitate additional affordable housing. Details of this will be released in due course as they are currently financially sensitive. All of this information was contained in the public report produced for the planning committee, prior to their making a decision.

Cllr Beadle counter proposed that the Parish Council did not write to the Chief Executive, as the PC is satisfied with the explanations by the two ward members, but update residents via website and social media, this was seconded by Cllr Gray. A vote took place.

Resolved not to write to Chief Executive but to continue to receive regular updates from District Councillors. These updates will be circulated via all Parish Council media when available.

10. Financial Matters

- a. Receipts see appendix ii
- b. To Note and Approve Payments

11. To receive Correspondence for information only see appendix iii

12. To receive Reports from Sub Committees

- a. Town Hall Committee report delivered by Cllr Foxton

13. Any other business that may be legally discussed:

- a. Community Speedwatch volunteer names were taken and will be put forward
- b. Website will be updated with new councillor details
- c. Lighting on the Flatts that have been replaced with LED - we are still awaiting a decision from HDC to establish if the lanterns can accommodate an LED bulb
- d. Shop Units on the front of Bistro 13 are not able to be occupied until the road is finished, which is being held up by a legal issue but is close to resolution
- e. Cllr Gray offered to plant shrubs as infill on the edge of the Memorial Park
- f. Community Litter Pick will be taking place on 7th October
- g. Play area surface is due to be replaced on 28th September
- h. Hedges have been cut earlier on Dondeen Avenue as they were obstructing driver vision
- i. Agenda Item for donation to Thirsk Christmas Lights to be added in October
- j. Grasscutting on Mondays is leaving patches unattended as the cutters are not moving bins but cutting round them. Cllr Robson will discuss with contractor.

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**Date of next meeting: Thursday 12th October 2017 7.30pm
9.08pm
Appendix i Planning**

Meeting Closed at

Decisions

17/01075/FUL Refused	Proposed Detached Garden Store with Playroom 99 Front Street	WTSR
17/00840/FUL Granted	Proposed Side Extension Thirsk Farmers Auction Mart	WTSA
17/01098/FUL Granted	Demolition and rebuilding of existing outbuilding 1 Holly Close	WTSA
17/01489/FUL Granted	Siting of a Summerhouse 9 Poplar Crescent	WTSA
17/00982/OUT Granted	Outline approval for detached two storey dwelling Howebridge, Blakey Lane	No Comment

Applications

1701760/FUL	Retrospective Replacement Windows and Doors 23 Sowerby Road	WTSR
17/00900/FUL	Formation of new doorway and stairwell 13 Mowbray Place	WTSA
17/01742/FUL	Demolition of garage, resurfacing and wall realignment 61 Front Street	WTSA

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Appendix ii Finance					
September 2017	Description	Payment Method	£	VAT	Total
Balances					
31.08.2017	Community Account		84,334.36		84,334.36
31.08.2017	Business Saver Account Balance		9,043.48		93,377.84
Receipts					
08.08.2017	NYCC		840.00		840.00
25.08.2017	HMRC VAT Refund 2016-2017		7,859.11		7,859.11
					8,699.11
Payments					
01.08.2017	R Milka Office Rent	SO	312.00		312.00
07.08.2017	BT	DDM	84.73	16.94	101.67
14.08.2017	NEST Clerk Pension	SO	72.97		72.97
15.08.2017	Clerk Salary	SO	737.95		737.95
01.09.2017	R Milka Office Rent	SO	312.00		312.00
01.09.2017	Aire Valley Tree Services	102262	4,375.00	875.00	5,250.00
14.09.2017	A W Decorating Benches	102263	584.05		584.05
14.09.2017	Lexis Nexis Local Administration Guide	102264	59.50		59.50
14.09.2017	R Milka and P Bardon Office Electricity	102265	13.30		13.30
14.09.2017	Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Hire	102266	6.50		6.50
14.09.2017	North Yorkshire Fire Protection Co Fire Extinguisher	102267	70.00	14.00	84.00
14.09.2017	Cummins and Young	102268	54.00	10.80	64.80
14.09.2017	CE & CM Walker Ltd	102269	1,454.00	290.80	1,744.80
14.09.2017	Solutions Now	102270	55.00	11.00	66.00
14.09.2017	NPower	102271	241.63		241.63
14.09.2017	SGS	102272	996.00	199.20	1,195.20
Summary					
	Monthly Expenditure			1,218.54	10,534.37
	Projected Balance				91,542.58

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Appendix iii Correspondence

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

Sowerby Park Locking during grasscutting

Memorial Park at Pack Horse Bridge

Thirsk Clock Newsletter

Remembrance Service Agenda

Telephone Box proximity

Community First Yorkshire from RAY

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