

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 10th September 2020

Present: Cllrs Robson, Beadle, France, Gray, Hoyland, Jackson and Storm.

Also Present: One member of the public and the Clerk, Alexandra Little

1. No comments from the member of the public.
2. Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllrs Bardon, Hannan, Snowden and Turner and from County Councillor Baker.
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 13th August 2020 were approved.
4. NYP report was presented on paper.
5. County Council Matters: The Clerk updated council on anticipated work to the drains on Topcliffe Road which are still scheduled to be completed in the current financial year. The Toucan Crossing at Orchid House will be installed from 14th - 25th September. Town End and town centre realignments will be next spring.
6. District Councillors
Cllr Robson updated councillors on the following:
 - a. He received the letter from the Parish Council regarding unitary reorganisation and reiterated that his view was that government should be focussed on COVID recovery and Brexit and economic recovery rather than reorganisation.
 - b. Parish Liaison meeting next week looks likely to be cancelled, in light of changes to COVID safe practices. Cllr Beadle will attend if it goes ahead.
 - c. Econ are due to be on site from 5th October and the build will include the spine road. The point for the number of houses occupied to trigger the bus route has now passed and HDC have reminded the County Council of their commitment to this project.
 - d. Amended plans for the 65 bed care home and nursery are expected next week.
 - e. Ash Court footpath application was approved and highways are confirming that there is not the need for an emergency turning circle. Broadacres have 3 months to make good the landscaping.
7. Matters Arising from the minutes
 - a. Blakey Lane Hedgerows have been attended to.
 - b. Buffer Depot planning conditions are for Emergency Vehicle and Pedestrian Access only and storage under A8 use.
 - c. HDC have paid out £31million in COVID grants.
 - d. There has not been a challenge over the planning approval of the Crematorium and work is expected to start in November subject to Full Council approval on 15th September.
 - e. The car park area at the sports village & Keeble Academy have space for 165 cars on a gravel and grasscrete base.
 - f. An application for the Thirsk and Sowerby Leisure Centre upgrade is to be submitted on Monday 14th September. The centre will be closed whilst the works are completed but the car park will be open subject to certain restrictions.
 - g. Thirsk Town Council are working with Hambleton District Council on a marketing project to benefit the area with tourism. Cllr Robson explained the role of D Shields to support COVID recovery, business and tourism.

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- h. Tree Work - the ectopic growth will be dealt with in the avenue of trees, the large tree at the Town Hall will have a reduction and crown lift (necessary planning permission has been received) This work is scheduled for 12th October.
- i. Further to the information on No Smoking signs, Cllr Turner offered to provide and fit some to the play area fence. Clerk to thank Cllr Turner and take him up on this offer.

8. Planning Applications

see appendix i

Clerk to feed back comments to the planning department

9. Financial Matters

see appendix ii

Additional anonymous donations have been received which is to be used within the community for those in need at this time. Cllr France suggested the schools in Sowerby were approached to allow them to give support to vulnerable families. Cllr Robson will deal with this.

Resolved all receipts noted and payments be approved

10. Village Green Remedial Work

Two quotes have been received for the same work from approved contractors £1980 and £1775.

Resolved quote of £1775 be accepted and work take place as soon as possible

11. Correspondence for information only

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

- a. A Remembrance Sunday schedule has been received but will be subject to change dependent on the situation with COVID19.

12. Reports from Sub Committees

- a. Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall AGM was this evening and Cllr France was elected Chairman for the coming year. The Town Hall is Covid safe and able to stay open given recent announcements. Cllr France thanked Cllr Robson for his assistance in putting up key safes and new parking signs, amongst other things. The tree works will take place as above.
Cllr Hoyland proposed thanks to Cllr France for the work he undertakes on the Town Hall Committee on behalf of the Parish Council.

13. Any Other Business

- a. Cllr France suggested an additional seat be placed at the opposite side of the cenotaph and could be purchased with the recent grant in readiness for Remembrance Day. Clerk to look into this.
- b. Cllr Hoyland raised the issue of dogs on the Sports Village. This is being looked into but the process will take time due to legal enforcement matters. Cllr Robson acknowledged that there is appetite from local people for it to be dog free, due to the nature of the sports and childrens activities that will take place there. Cllr France commented that it has improved since the signs went up and Cllr Robson confirmed that there were extra visits by the dog warden to ensure compliance.
- c. Cllr Hoyland wished to be assured that the donation to Holyrood House was appropriate as they are an Ecclesiastical Charity. Cllr Robson had taken advice from the YLCA and the clerk had reviewed guidance in "Arnold-Baker Local Council Administration" and referenced the Local Government Act 1874. It was confirmed that this Section 137 payment, given the nature of the project, was a lawful donation.

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- d. Cllr Hoyland raised questions regarding two planning applications 10 Mowbray Place and 1 Mowbray Terrace, Cllr Robson to look into these.
- e. Cllr Gray advised that 60 trees had been planted on the field at Blakey Lane and offered thanks for the donation of these. Cllr Robson thanked Cllr Gray and his wife for planting them.
- f. Cllr Gray expressed concerns about caravans parked on the grass verge in Kings Gardens, Clerk to look into this.
- g. Cllr Gray advised that parked cars and hedgerows on Back Lane/Gravel Hole Lane junction is becoming a safety issue again. Clerk to report to NYCC Highways and the police.
- h. Cllr Robson thanked Cllr Jackson and his son for helping deliver the leaflets on Front Street reminding residents about the bye laws. The three areas where there was an issue have been cleared.
- i. Cllr Robson had a conversation with the resident who has not kept their allotment plot in line with the agreement. Given the situation with COVID19 the council is keen to support residents wellbeing, so he has given an extension to the usual terms to allow it to be cleared by 30th September and for a third party to help with this if necessary. The Clerk confirmed in writing that, providing this is done, the plot holder will be able to continue to use the plot in the 2021 growing season. If it is not, the agreement will be terminated and the plot offered to the next resident on the waiting list.

14. Date of next meetings: Thursday 8th October 2020 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.24pm

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Appendix i - Planning

Decisions

	HDC	SPC
20/01468/CAT Application to remove 1no sycamore tree in a conservation area 15 Belgrave Terrace Sowerby	Granted	WTSA
20/01434/FUL Removal of existing conservatory and construction of a single storey sunroom extension to the rear of the dwellinghouse 27 Cocked Hat Park, Sowerby	Granted	WTSA
20/01482/FUL Proposed spine road and access for land off Topcliffe Road Land Off Topcliffe Road Sowerby	Granted	WTSA
20/01128/REM Application for approval of all reserved matters (considering access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale Land Off Cedar Road Sowerby	Granted	WTSA
20/01197/FUL Part demolition and extension of detached domestic garage to form garage with outbuilding/ancillary space for the dwellinghouse, and addition of pitched roof to existing garage and proposed extension 21 Kings Meadows Sowerby North Yorkshire	Granted	WTSA
20/01297/FUL Proposed rear extension 11B Croft Heads Sowerby North Yorkshire	Granted	WTSA
20/01513/FUL Proposed alterations and two storey extension to the rear of existing dwelling 13A Green Lane West Sowerby	Granted	WTSA

Applications

20/01754/FUL Proposed sunlounge to the rear of dwelling. 11 St Oswalds Close Sowerby North Yorkshire YO7 1JX		WTSA
20/01824/ADV Application for consent to display 3 non-illuminated fascia signs Land East Of Topcliffe Road And South Of Gravel Hole Lane (Keeble Gateway Academy) Topcliffe Road Sowerby		WTSA
20/01828/FUL Formation of 2no off road parking spaces and new vehicle highway access to the front garden of the dwellings Flats 1, 2 & 3 1 Mowbray Terrace Topcliffe Road Sowerby		WTSR
20/01818/CAT Proposed works to a tree in a conservation area - fell a Horse Chestnut 28 South Terrace Sowerby		Wish to see an arborologist report prior to a decision
20/01946/FUL Change of use of land to domestic and construction of detached oak frame domestic garage and store, alterations to the vehicle access, construction of stone entrance walling and replacement entrance gates Howebridge 5 Blakey Lane Sowerby		WTSA

WTSA - Wish to see approved

WTSR - Wish to see refused

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