

## Sowerby Parish Council

### Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 8th October 2020 held in person and by Zoom

**Present: Cllrs Robson, Bardon, Beadle, France, Jackson, Gray, Hannan, Hoyland, Snowden, Storm, Turner.**

**Also Present: One member of the public, Cllr Bob Baker and the Clerk, Alexandra Little**

1. No comments from the member of the public.  
Cllr Robson advised members of the public of the process the meeting will take with Zoom participants.
2. No apologies for absence were received, all councillors present.
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 10th September 2020 were approved. These were proposed by Cllr Hoyland, seconded by Cllr Beadle and accepted unanimously.
4. NYP report was presented on paper. The Clerk advised councillors that residents' concerns about the parking and speeding on Gravel Hole Lane had been reported to the police and an officer would be attending.
5. County Council Matters:
  - a. Cllr Baker advised that there was a drainage problem on Finkle Street which is being dealt with as emergency works.
  - b. The Clerk advised that a letter requesting the extension of the 20mph zone on Topcliffe Road to the roundabout at Town End had been passed to Councillor Baker, which he has forwarded to highways.
  - c. Works to Town End realignment will be completed by end February 2021.
6. District Councillors:
  - a. Cllr Bardon advised that the District Council had approved release of funding to support building over 300 new affordable homes in Hambleton in conjunction with the Rural Housing Enabler.
  - b. The Planning Committee is expected to take place on 15th October.
  - c. HDC will administer the Government Grant of £500 for people who are self isolating due to COVID19 and are unable to work.
  - d. Cllr Hoyland asked if Hambleton will be implementing the COVID Marshall scheme which Cllr Robson advised to be unlikely.
7. Matters Arising from the minutes:
  - a. District Councils are putting pressure on the Government to deal with the other more pressing matters, such as Brexit and Covid Recovery, rather than pressing forward with a Unitary Authority.
  - b. Cllr Baker was asked when the bus service would be in place on the gateway. Clerk to email Cllr Baker with details for him to follow up.
  - c. Cllr Snowden requested details of A8 conditions which Cllr Robson will provide.
  - d. The Crematorium site will have the acquisition boards in place in the coming weeks with work commencing in November and being complete in August 2021.
  - e. Donations to the four parish schools of £500 each have been made to support the Health and Wellbeing of Children from the anonymous donation received.
  - f. Village Pathway Works will be completed after the BT works have been done on 19th October.
  - g. Cllr Robson has taken the decision, in conjunction with the other stakeholders, to cancel the Remembrance Sunday commemoration in its usual format due to the COVID restrictions in place. The new bench has been ordered and will be in place by 11/11. Thanks were offered to Cleancore UK for cleaning the cenotaph again this year.
  - h. Wildflower seeds have been ordered and will be sown weather permitting.

Signed

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- i. Allotment 18 matter to be dealt with under Correspondence, with councillors agreement.

### 8. Planning Applications

#### a. Thirsk and Sowerby Leisure Centre Upgrade

- i. Cllr Robson declared a Non Pecuniary Interest as Leader of Hambleton District Council
- ii. Cllr Robson declared a Non Pecuniary Interest as Chairman of the Flatts Preservation Trust
- iii. Cllr Robson declared a Non Pecuniary Interest as Chairman of the Thirsk and Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity
- iv. Cllr Bardon declared a Non Pecuniary Interest as Treasurer and Secretary of the Flatts Preservation Trust
- v. Cllr Bardon declared a Non Pecuniary Interest as a member of the Thirsk and Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity
- vi. Cllr Hoyland declared a Non Pecuniary Interest as a member of the Thirsk and Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity
- vii. Cllr Turner declared a Non Pecuniary Interest as a member of the Thirsk and Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity
- viii. Cllr France proposed approval of the application, this was seconded by Cllr Beadle and carried. Cllrs Bardon and Robson did not vote on this planning application.

- b. All other planning applications were discussed and decisions noted. see appendix i

**It was resolved that the Clerk feedback comments to the planning department**

### 9. Financial Matters

#### a. Receipts and Payments

see appendix ii

**It was resolved that all receipts were noted and payments be approved**

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|---|--------------|--------------------------------|
| b. Ratification of Quotes for Tree Work | Front Street | £1325                          |
|   | Town Hall    | £795 + £625 Road Closure Order |
|   | Flatts       | £1750                          |

**It was resolved that the quotes be accepted and work take place as soon as possible.**

- c. Christmas Lights Appeal: Given the reduced opportunity for fundraising, Cllr Robson proposed a donation of £500 be made this year as a one off, this was agreed unanimously.

**It was resolved the Sowerby Parish Council donate £500 to Thirsk Christmas Lights**

### 10. Correspondence

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

#### a. Matters Arising from minute 13i 10th September 2020 regarding Allotment Plot 18

- i. Due to the current situation with COVID19 and the plot holder referring to ill health earlier in the year, they were given until 30th September to clear their plot in line with the tenancy agreement with the assurance that, should this be done, they would be able to use the plot in the growing season of 2021.
- ii. The clause preventing other people from accessing the site was waived and the clerk granted permission for someone to assist in clearing the plot, subject to that person's details being passed to the clerk in advance. No details were received.
- iii. On Monday 28th September the Clerk emailed the plot holder to ask if further support was needed from the Parish Council, this was declined.

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- iv. Cllr Robson received communication to advise that the plot was cleared on the evening of 30th September and the plot holder was advised, by the Clerk, that the plot would be inspected during daylight hours the following day, 1st October.
- v. Cllr Robson visited the plot with the Clerk however, taking account of the rubbish that had been left by other allotment holders, he did not consider this plot to be cleared.
- vi. Cllrs France and Bardon visited the plot on 1st October and photographs were taken of the site. Following this visit it was agreed that the matter needed to be brought before the full Parish Council for a decision to be made by all members. The plot holder was advised of this.
- vii. Photographs of plot 18 on 9th August 2020 and 1st October 2020 were circulated to all councillors. It was acknowledged that 2 areas of the plot contained rubbish which did not belong to the plot holder.
- viii. Cllr Robson requested a named recorded vote.
- ix. It was proposed by Cllr France that, given the allotment plot had not been cleared in line with the terms of the agreement or subsequent arrangement with Cllr Robson, the tenancy agreement should be terminated with immediate effect.

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Beadle and voting was recorded as follows:

Those in favour of the proposition to terminate the agreement:

|              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| Cllr Bardon  | Cllr Hoyland |
| Cllr Beadle  | Cllr Robson  |
| Cllr France  | Cllr Snowden |
| Cllr Gray    | Cllr Storm   |
| Cllr Hannan  | Cllr Turner  |
| Cllr Jackson |              |

Those against the proposition to terminate the agreement: None

**It was resolved that the tenancy agreement for allotment plot 18 be terminated with immediate effect and the plot holder be advised and given 7 days notice to remove their belongings from the site.**

#### 11. Reports from Sub Committees

- a. Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall decorating is underway, a stair carpet has been fitted and the Electrical Certification works is being undertaken. A three year plan will be discussed between the chairman, vice chairman and secretary and will be presented to council in due course
- b. Community Works AGM is due and will be administered via postal vote. The majority of services have been maintained during the covid19 pandemic and grants have been secured. The Buffer Depot is being used as a storage facility. Cllr Robson noted that he had advised the Chief Executive of the restrictions of A8 use.

#### 12. Any Other Business

- a. Cllr Robson notified council that BT would be undertaking works on the village green from 19th
- b. The Carol Service for 2020 will not go ahead due to Covid19 restrictions

13. Date of next meetings: Thursday 10th December 2020 at 7.30pm  
Thursday 11th February 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.13pm

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#### Appendix i - Planning

##### Decisions

|   | HDC     | SPC  |
|---|---------|------|
| 20/01836/CAT Works to a tree in a conservation area<br>Town Hall Westgate   | Granted | WTSA |
| 20/01684/FUL Proposed single storey front extension<br>3 Jacksons Cottages Westbourne Terrace   | Granted | WTSA |
| 20/01515/FUL Installation of a second dropped kerb and access to allow an<br>entrance to and exit from the driveway to allow safer drop off for children.<br>Langley 90 Topcliffe Road Sowerby      | Granted | WTSA |
| 20/01586/MRC Variation of condition 9 (gate closure and opening hours -<br>to enable night time opening) Skate Park Gravel Hole Lane Sowerby  | Granted | WTSR |
| 20/01252/FUL Demolition of 4no poultry buildings and the construction of<br>4no replacement poultry buildings with attached control rooms<br>Worlds End Turkey Farm Ox Moor Plantation Lane Sowerby | Granted | WTSA |
| 20/01497/TPO Works to trees subject to TPO<br>Silver Street, Sowerby  | Granted | WTSA |
| 20/01044/FUL To replace front and rear elevation windows and doors<br>with UPVc double glazed windows.<br>44 Back Lane Sowerby  | Granted | WTSA |

#### Applications

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20/02067/FUL Extension, alteration and refurbishment of an existing Leisure Centre building to include the demolition of a previous 22m2 office extension

Thirsk And Sowerby Leisure Centre, Chapel Street WSTA

20/02172/CAT Works to trees in a Conservation Area

Sowerby Parochial Hall WTSA

20/02171/CAT Works to trees in a Conservation Area

St Oswalds Church, Front Street, Sowerby WTSA

20/02170/CAT Works to trees in a Conservation Area

152 Front Street, Sowerby WTSA

20/02024/FUL Change of use of land from agriculture to the siting of 6 Timber Glamping Pods

OS Field 2558, South Moor Lane, Sowerby WTSA

20/02050/CAT Works to trees in a conservation area

22 South Terrace Sowerby WTSA

20/02038/FUL Replacement of single storey hobbies room with single storey hobby and shower room extension to the dwellinghouse

4 Orchard Lane, Sowerby WTSA

20/02016/MRC Variation of conditions attached to Application Reference Number: 17/02674/FUL-Construction of 4 accommodation units in connection with residential courses

The Beeches, Moor End Lane, Sowerby WTSR

*Councillors feel that giving permission for accommodation is inappropriate and, if it went ahead, it would set a precedent for accommodation on this site to be occupied permanently, either now or in the future, should the business change hands or fail. Councillors are also concerned about access to the site, as per their comments on the original application.*

20/01921/FUL Proposed single storey extension to side of existing dwelling

4 Kings Meadows, Sowerby WTSA

20/01109/FUL Construction of extension to the rear of the property, to include French doors and roof light

33 Victoria Avenue Sowerby WTSA

WTSA - Wish to see approved

WTSR - Wish to see refused

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