

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 10th December 2020 held in person and by Zoom

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

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

Cllr Robson advised participants of the process the meeting will take with Zoom participants.

1. The member of the public raised matters as follows:
 - a. Thanks were offered for the Sports Village bins but concerns raised that there was some damage to the paving of the track. Cllr Robson advised that the District Council was aware of this and remedial work will be undertaken.
 - b. Road markings are fading in some areas, highways will be notified.
 - c. There is a water leak at the end of Front Street/Back Lane. Yorkshire Water are dealing with this.
2. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Turner.
3. **It was resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 8th October 2020 be approved. These were proposed by Cllr France, seconded by Cllr Gray and accepted unanimously.**
4. No NYP report was received
5. County Council Matters:
 - a. Cllr Baker updated members on the COVID19 situation in the county and the funds expected to be needed for the recovery process.
 - b. There has been no further update on the bus link for the Gateway and Cllr Baker advised that the Town End roadworks should be underway by the end of February.
6. District Council Matters:
 - a. Cllr Bardon advised the council that the request for an environmental impact study at the proposed BP station had been rejected by the Secretary of State and that the application will be progressed.
 - b. Cllr Robson advised the following:
 - i. The Leisure Centre upgrade would begin on 1st February and that the car park would be restricted for the time of the works, for safety reasons.
 - ii. This years Making A Difference Grant Fund has been launched.
 - iii. Documents have been signed to hand the former Lambert Hospital over to Herriot Hospice.
 - iv. HDC has received £1.2 million from the government towards COVID recovery and the District Council carries a shortfall of £6 million currently.
 - v. Unitary proposals have been submitted to government and further announcements are expected in the New Year.
 - vi. Hambleton District Council have given £5k to each foodbank in the market towns to support the community over the festive period.
 - c. Cllr France commented that it was good to see works at the crematorium site underway.
7. Matters Arising from the minutes:
 - a. The green will be monitored for signs of damage from the BT works recently completed.
 - b. A notice will be put up to advise the Carols Service will not go ahead this year.

Signed

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8. To Approve the Vexatious Policy

It was resolved that the Vexatious Policy be approved and implemented with immediate effect.

9. Planning Applications

Planning applications were discussed and decisions noted. see appendix i

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

10. Financial Matters

- a. Receipts and Payments

see appendix ii

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

- b. The precept requirement for 2021/2022 financial year was discussed. In light of the current situation with COVID19, Cllr Robson proposed that it would be appropriate for the precept to remain the same as 2020/2021 at £76,000. This was seconded by Cllr France and agreed unanimously.

It was resolved that the precept for 2021/2022 remain unchanged and the Clerk to advise the District Council

11. Correspondence

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

12. Reports from Sub Committees

- a. The Town Hall has had the new windows fitted.
- b. The Town Hall and Community Minibus Association are supporting Community Works in the delivery of food parcels on 23rd December.
- c. Community Works will hold their AGM via postal ballot and they have completed the refurbishment of the former CCA offices.

13. Any other business

- a. Cllr Hoyland asked if the increase in the Dog Waste Bins has shown an improvement at the Sports Village. Cllr Robson advised that this was being monitored by the Dog Warden.
- b. Cllr Hoyland asked if there had been any further developments with the Doctors services locally which were deemed not fit for purpose some years ago. Cllr Robson advised that improvements had been made to both practices.
- c. Cllr France asked if the speed matrix could be repositioned facing the opposite way on Gravel Hole Lane and this will be attended to.

14. Members of the press and public were excluded under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 for items due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under item 15

15. Councillors received a report from Cllr Bardon regarding a complaint

It was resolved that Cllr Bardon will advise the complainant of the outcome and that there will be no further communication regarding this matter.

16. Date of next meetings: Thursday 11th February 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.13pm

Signed

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Appendix i Planning

20/01389/FUL WTSA
Amended Plan for conversion and alteration of former restaurant and outbuildings to form 4no. dwellings including part demolition of outbuildings.
Fantinos

20/02486/FUL WTSA
Retrospective application for the removal and relaying of welsh slate roof tiles, utilising existing tiles plus a small number of replacement reclaimed like for like tiles, installation of felting under the roof tiles & replacement of two existing roof windows.
14 Belgrave Terrace

20/02399/FUL WTSA
Retrospective change of use of landscaping strip to domestic garden
Ash Court Sowerby

20/02610/FUL WTSA
Alterations and single storey extension to the side of the dwelling
25 Admirals Court

20/02556/FUL WTSA
Proposed residential development comprising the construction of 97no. affordable dwellings
Land To The West Of Cedar Road And Oak Drive

WTSA - Wish to see approved

WTSR - Wish to see refused

Signed
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