

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 14th March 2019

Present: Cllrs Robson, Bardon, Beadle, Chapman, France, Hoyland, Snowden, Storm and Turner

Also Present: Cllr Baker and the Clerk, Alexandra Little

1. No members of the public present.
2. Apologies for Absence received and accepted from Cllrs Foxton and Gray.
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 14th February were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Bardon and seconded by Cllr Beadle.
4. No NYP present
5. County Council Matters:
Cllr Baker confirmed that the drainage works for Topcliffe Road were in the works programme but did not have a confirmed date for these. The Blakey Lane/A168 bridge inspection has taken place this month.
6. District Councillors:
 - a. Cllr Robson advised that A168 junction works are on schedule for a late spring opening
 - b. Cllr Bardon updated the council on planning matters relevant to Sowerby
 - c. A discussion took place regarding the lease agreements being offered by Linden Homes on affordable housing. Cllr Robson confirmed that the District Council has no jurisdiction over the terms of purchase of any properties. Cllr Bardon added that there is an ongoing government consultation regarding leaseholds and also bogus management fees levied on properties
 - d. Cllr Hoyland asked what plans the District Council had to make use of the affordable housing funding made available by the government. Cllr Robson advised that the Finance Director is aware of this fund and will apply for this as appropriate
 - e. Sports Village tarmac and planting is nearing completion
 - f. A premises licence had been requested by Harvest for the refurbished fuel station at the former Moss motors site
 - g. Making A Difference grants had been approved for the following local organisations:

i.	The Clock	£6000
ii.	Thirsk Netball	£5000
iii.	Thirsk School	£5000
iv.	Sessay Village Hall	£5000
v.	North Yorkshire Youth	£2000
vi.	Thirsk and Sowerby Festival	£1000
vii.	Thirsk Tourist Information	£1000
7. Matters arising from minutes
 - a. Business Rate Reduction is now in place for qualifying businesses in Hambleton
 - b. The Lambert Hospital survey received 459 responses with over 400 being in favour of end of life/palliative care. The next steps will be to start negotiations with a possible provider
 - c. There has been no change to the legislation regarding planning decisions between meetings

Signed
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Resolved the council will request extensions for any planning as needed to ensure all is dealt with at a meeting

- d. Aire Valley Tree inspection and Health and Safety Surveys are diarised for the coming month

8. Planning Applications see appendix i

Resolved clerk to feedback comments to planning department

9. Financial Matters see appendix ii

- a. Receipts
- b. Payments

Resolved all items approved for payment

10. Correspondence for information only see appendix iii

11. New Agenda Items

Cllr Robson reminded the council that the donation from Shine TV was made to the Parish Council for them to use as they see fit. He reiterated that Sowerby Parish Council is always keen to support local causes, with or without the addition of this money.

Thirsk Royal British Legion Band donation: Cllr Robson proposed a donation of £500, this was seconded by Cllr Hoyland and agreed unanimously

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council donate £500 to Thirsk Royal British Legion Band

Thirsk Community Library: Discussion took place and feedback was given to the council following the Library AGM at which the annual accounts had been shared. Councillors questioned the need or £30,000 contingency fund and required clarification of running costs and what the donation would be used for.

Resolved Clerk to request further information from the library to answer these queries before a decision is made

12. Reports from Sub Committees

- a. The Clock Chief Executive is reviewing the operation and staffing structure of both The Clock and CCA and sales in the community furniture store are going well
- b. Town Hall chairs and tables had been delivered, thanks were offered to the Parish Council for their part in securing these
- c. Cllr Hoyland had attended the YLCA meeting which gave updates on local and national issues

13. Any other business that may be legally discussed

- a. Cllr France raised concerns about traffic movement at the back of the parochial hall as an area had been cleared and cars were parking there. Cllr Robson will discuss this with the Parochial Church Council
- b. Comment was made that the PA system at Remembrance was not substantial enough, this will be reviewed in time for the next service

14. Date of next meeting Thursday 11th April 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 20.35

Signed
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