

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 9th February 2017

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

Also present were County Cllr. R. Baker and the Clerk, Alexandra Little.

1. Members of the Public - None

2. Apologies for absence from Cllrs P. Chapman, E. Storm and A. Turner.

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 12th January 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. NY Police Incident Report:

Not available, no member of NYP in attendance

It was noted that the Clerk had forwarded Cllr Robson's contact information to the new Sergeant with the intention that Cllr Robson will meet with him at a convenient time.

5. Report from County Councillor Baker: Cllr Baker advised that tenders had been received for the food provision at Housing 21 and that Meals on Wheels were providing food in the interim. He will update on progress at the next meeting and Cllr Robson urged Cllr Baker to feed back that the Parish Council would hope to see a resolution in place as soon as possible. £1000 has been donated to the library from the locality fund, alongside a smaller grant to the SK8 Park. Cabinet at NYCC will recommend increasing the Council Tax rate by 1.9% plus an additional 2% for Social Care this year.

Blakey Bridge was discussed again, members raised some concerns about the width but it is at the recommended size. Cllr Baker will establish via NYCC what the long term solution to the problem may be as this remedial work is not the aspiration of the Parish Council for a listed structure.

6. Reports from District Councillors:

Council Tax in Hambleton will increase by £5 this year in a Band D property to maintain frontline services.

Cllr Robson had asked HDC Audit and Governance panel to review the concessionary rate relief policy and this will be reported back to cabinet and full council in late February.

7. To discuss matters arising:

The new railings will be fitted around the Memorial Park in early March weather permitting. Rail Users group discussed rail and bus services. These are not having the right impact in the area and are under review.

8. Planning Applications:

see appendix i

The Parish Council wish to see all applications approved with the exception of 17/00042/MRC for which they wish to see the conditions remain intact

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9. Financial Matters:

9a Receipts None

9b To Note and Approve Payments

see appendix ii

9c Library - Sowerby Parish agreed to underwrite a shortfall of up to 50% of the rates. Cllr Robson proposed from the chair that £1000 is donated. This was seconded by Cllr Bardon and agreed unanimously. Cllr Grey asked how long we are committing to pay this £1000 and it was agreed this would be reviewed each November when the precept is set.

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council provide Thirsk and Sowerby Library with £1000 this year to be reviewed annually.

10. New Agenda Items: Councillor Vacancy - an application has been received from G France. Cllr Robson proposed he be co opted to Sowerby Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Beadle and agreed unanimously.

Resolved G France be co opted as Parish Councillor

11. Correspondence for information only

A letter has been received from a resident regarding leaves causing blockage and slip risk, which has been passed to Street Scene.

12. Sub Committees: League of Friends of the Lambert Hospital have been disposing of equipment, some has been hired, some given away and some recycled as appropriate.

13. Any other business that may be legally discussed

Cllr Hoyland raised issue of leaves needing attention on a path near The Limes. A site visit will take place to review all footpaths and roadways for which the Parish Council is responsible around the village and address these at the next meeting.

14. Date of next meeting: Thursday 9th March 2017

The meeting closed at 8.27 pm

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Appendix i Planning

Decisions		SPC Comments	Decision
None			
Applications			
17/00102/CAT3	Belgrave Terrace Tree Works		
17/00025/FUL	4 Mowbray Place Alterations to Doors and Windows		
17/00051/JPN	Mandale Apartments 2 Ltd, Station Road Change of Use from Office to Residential		
17/00031/FUL	Mandale Apartments 2 Ltd, Station Road External Alterations to Reinstate and Create Window Openings		
17/00042/MRC	Thirsk Garden Centre Removal Of Condition 4 attached to Planning Consent		
17/00044/FUL	South Terrace Removal of external chimney stack		
17/00127/CAT	16 Sowerby Road Proposed Work to Trees in Conservation Area		

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Appendix ii Finance

Balances

Community Account as 31st January 2017	£ 101,311.65
Business Saver Account Balance as 31st January 2017	£ 9,042.35

Receipts

£ 00.00

Payments

		Chq No	£	VAT
06.01.2017	BT	DDM	99.81	
18.01.2017	NEST Standing Order Clerk Pension	DDM	72.97	
19.01.2017	Thirsk Garden Centre Memorial Park Sundries	102217	396.28	75.37
03.02.2017	Office Rent Standing Order Payment	SO	312.00	
09.02.2017	CE & CM Walker Ltd Grass Cutting	102218	406.00	81.20
09.02.2017	Steven J Dresser Replacement Tree Lights LED	102219	455.00	91.00
09.02.2017	Cummins Young Payroll Services	102220	79.00	15.80
09.02.2017	YLCA Training	102221	90.00	
09.02.2017	Thirsk and Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust Insurance Premium	102222	385.99	
09.02.2017	SGS Gritting and Tree Feathering	102223	1194.68	238.94
09.02.2017	Telecom Yorkshire Quarterly Bill	102224	100.84	20.17
15.02.2017	C M A Little Clerk's Salary	SO	737.92	

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Appendix iii Correspondence

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

Letter from resident regarding leaves