

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 13th August 2020

Present: Cllrs Robson, Bardon, Beadle, France, Hannan, Snowden and Turner.

Also Present: Two members of the public, County Cllr Bob Baker and the Clerk, Alexandra Little

Cllr Robson welcomed everyone back to the Parish Council meeting and advised that it is hoped the meetings will be able to resume on the second Thursday of each month moving forward. Condolences were offered to the family of Cllr Pat Chapman who sadly died at the beginning of lockdown.

1. A member of the public raised the issue of an overgrown hedge on Back Lane, the Clerk will report this to NYCC highways.
2. Apologies for Absence received and accepted from Cllrs Hoyland, Gray and Storm.
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 12th March 2020 were approved.
4. Councillors considered two applications for co option

Resolved A Jackson be elected as co-opted councillor to Sowerby Parish Council. Mr Jackson completed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting

5. NYP report was presented on paper
6. County Council Matters: Cllr Baker updated the council as follows:
 - a. NYCC Chairman J Clarke will continue in post for another year
 - b. Many NYCC Staff are working from home under COVID guidelines
 - c. NYCC expect devolution to happen under government instruction
 - d. Cllr Turner asked Cllr Baker to look into overgrowth on Blakey Lane and Cllr France suggested a mirror on the corner near the bridge would help motorists, Cllr Baker to raise this with highways

7. District Councillors

Cllr Bardon advised the following:

- a. Virtual meetings and planning sessions have been taking place
- b. An appeal has been sent to the inspector over the site on Back Lane which was refused permission by HDC
- c. The access road to the old Buffer Depot has been passed at appeal by the inspector, Cllr Snowden advised that Community Works are using the building to store overspill furniture

Cllr Robson updated:

- d. HDC have paid out grants totalling £29 million so far under the grant programme and have been able to do this speedily to ensure the money was received in a timely manner to support small businesses in the district
- e. Crematorium planning permission had been granted and the council are in a period of judicial review, the contract is out to tender and it is hoped to be commenced soon, subject to no challenge being received
- f. Sowerby Gateway school road has been put in, further to negotiations with the education department, along with a 45 space parking area
- g. Proposed extension to Thirsk and Sowerby Leisure Centre will cost approx £4 million and is expected to start in Spring 2021. Cllr Turner commented that this will be a fantastic facility for the local community and finds it disappointing that people have criticised it, as it will be excellent. Cllr Hannan

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asked if devolution would affect this spend and Cllr Robson assured members that this would not be affected and also that parking enforcement is in the plan

- h. Cllr Robson has written to all parish councils and businesses to ask them to give their views on the unitary authority proposal, which he believes will not benefit the residents of Hambleton. Services will be lost and savings will not be made. Cllr France will draw up a letter from this council and the clerk will circulate around members for approval
- i. Cllr Turner requested No Smoking signs be put around the play areas. Cllr France will take up this matter

8. Chairman's Report see appendix i

The Chairman gave a summary of matters that have been dealt with during the lockdown period for councillors information

9. Matters Arising from the minutes

- a. Planning decision for Econ application is imminent

10. Planning Applications see appendix ii

Planning matters were discussed and decisions taken during lockdown were ratified

Clerk to feed back comments to the planning department

11. Financial Matters see appendix iii

Resolved all payments be approved

Resolved AGAR documentation be accepted and submitted to external auditor

12. Correspondence for information only

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

- a. A proposition for a website offering a glossy brochure view of Thirsk for visitors has been put forward by Thirsk Town Council with the intention of generating visitor footfall to Thirsk and Sowerby. Cllr Robson advised that HDC have employed David Shields to work with the district on promoting tourism and he will ask Mr Shields to meet and review this proposition and report back

13. Reports from Sub Committees

- a. Community Works - Cllr Snowden advised that the pop up shop and furniture store in town have reopened and are making good profits. The group is looking at setting up a Men In Sheds and Cycle Repair project in the near future
- b. Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall - Cllr France presented his report - see appendix iv
- c. Flatts Trust - a coppice of trees is causing concern and Aire Valley Tree Services will survey and offer advice on the best solution for this

14. Any Other Business

- a. Aire Valley will conduct a visual survey of the trees on Front Street and also provide a quote for works to the tree at the front of the Town Hall
- b. Cllr France offered congratulations to all involved with the fitness track at the sports village as it is an excellent facility. There is some ragwort in the wildflower areas, Cllr Robson will have this dealt with

15. Date of next meetings: Thursday 10th September 2020 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 21.29

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Chairman's Report Summary Appendix i

There have been a number of residents parking on the village greens and also positioning skips there. A letter will be sent to residents to remind them of the bye law

New play area equipment has been fitted at Dondeen Road play area

VE Bench was fitted and Cllr Robson laid a wreath to commemorate VE Day

Allotment work has taken place to secure sheds and waterbutts and add wind proof fencing. The allotments have been open throughout the lockdown period

There is an issue with one allotment plot, the tenant has been contacted and the clerk is hoping that a resolution can be reached

Cllr Robson has met with residents on Sowerby gateway re industrial development

Parish Office has been moved and a new notice board, sign and office furniture have been put in place

Anonymous donations have been received and passed to Community Works and other local individuals who have supported vulnerable people during the pandemic. Thanks were given to these donors.

The Sowerby sign has been moved and the cost covered by a grant from Cllr Bakers Locality Fund

Worlds End tree works, ivy on the bridge and a missing sign have been dealt with

Play Area inspection has been undertaken by Allianz with no issues to rectify

Play Area benches staining was done

Play Area Risk Assessments were done prior to reopening and COVID safe signs put in place

A CCTV camera has been repositioned to cover bowls club, for a small donation

No cycling signs on Flatts Walk re-marked

Discussions regarding drains on Topcliffe Road have taken place with Highways

Toucan Crossing and Town End improvements are planned for the end of August

Discussion with a resident at Mill Bank Court regarding private land

Housing 13 application for 97 houses has been withdrawn and will be replaced by an application from Broadacres

A meeting has taken place to plan the Remembrance Day service starting from Sowerby

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Planning

Appendix ii

20/00994/FUL 4 Mowbray Place Sowerby YO7 1RF

Installation of a skylight window in roof of existing single storey rear extension, replace existing skylight window in main roof with a dormer window, replacement of both external doors to front and rear of property and bricking up former coal hole on wall of outbuilding.

20/01586/MRC Skate Park Gravel Hole Lane Sowerby

Variation of condition 9 (gate closure and opening hours - to enable night time opening) to previously approved application 09/02733/FUL for the construction of a skate park as amended by details received by Hambleton District Council on 21 January 2010

20/01197/FUL 21 Kings Meadows Sowerby YO7 1PA

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

20/01515/FUL Langley 90 Topcliffe Road Sowerby YO7 1RY

Installation of a second dropped kerb and access to allow an entrance to and exit from the driveway to allow safer drop off for children.

20/01513/FUL 13A Green Lane West Sowerby YO7 1RN

Proposed alterations and two storey extension to the rear of existing dwelling

20/01684/FUL Proposed single storey front extension

3 Jacksons Cottages Westbourne Terrace Sowerby YO7 1QE

20/01638/FUL The construction of a 69 bedroom care home (C2) with associated amenity areas, a 100 place children's day nursery with associated play space, 8 care home staff apartments and 39 car parking spaces
Land South East Of Cocked Hat Farm Topcliffe Road Sowerby North Yorkshire

Signed
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