

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 13th February 2020

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

Also Present: Three members of the public, a representative of North Yorkshire Police, County Cllr R Baker and the Clerk, Alexandra Little

1. Members of the public

Provision of a dog waste bin where the corner of the Leisure Centre meets the car park at Cod Beck was requested. Cllr Robson will have a look at this.

Ash Court path was raised as there is continued distress over the matter and some residents have felt harassed. Letters have also not been acknowledged by Broadacres. Cllr Robson reiterated that the Parish Council are only advisory and have made their comments to the Planning Department however he will take up the harassment concerns with Hambleton and pass this on to Broadacres.

2. Apologies for Absence received and accepted from Cllrs Chapman, Turner and Gray

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 19th December were approved. Extraordinary Meeting minutes from 14th January 2020 were approved by vote 6/2 .

4. NYP report was presented. Cllr Hannan asked how many of the anti-social behaviour orders were relating to the matter raised by residents at Ash Court, this is zero. The PCSO encouraged residents to raise these matters with the police.

Cllr France commented that he had reported suspected criminal activity via 101 but it had taken one and a quarter hours for someone to come back to him. The PCSO advised that they were aware of difficulties with 101 and that residents should raise their concerns via the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Cllr Beadle offered thanks to the police alongside the local community for excellent work in tracing the missing teenager from the area recently.

5. County Council Matters:

Cllr Baker reported that council tax will be raised by North Yorkshire County Council by 3.9%. He has given £500 from his locality budget to the Parish Council to help with the cost of relocating the Sowerby sign.

Cllr France asked again about Blue Badge users being able to access facilities in the library. Cllr Baker advised that residents are able to use the computers in the library to do this.

Cllr Snowden raised that the drains on Topcliffe Road were jetted prior to the recent bad weather but they still flooded. Councillors commented that, whilst they understood the work was planned in the NYCC works programme it was now 2 years since these issues were reported by this council and it is unacceptable.

Cllr Hoyland commented that utilities work had been undertaken recently without warning and that communication with the Parish Council or residents would be useful on these occasions.

6. District Councillors:

- a. Cllr Bardon advised that planning for the bridge in north Northallerton was approved and work would start with an Autumn 2020 anticipated opening date
- b. Cllr Robson noted that council tax will be raised by £5 for a Band D Property and Hambleton will still be third lowest in the country and the lowest in North Yorkshire. Residents are encouraged to look at the breakdown of the bill. Cllr France added that a recent survey has listed Hambleton as the 7th best place to call home in the UK!
- c. Cllr Bardon had visited the waste recycling plant at Allerton Park, looking specifically at recycling, commenting that items from general waste are removed and recycled. The energy generated from the recycling plant supplies electricity to approx 44,000 houses.

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7. Matters Arising from the minutes

- a. The MVAS is insured and in place, it will be moved regularly and data will be shared with the Parish Council at a future meeting
- b. There has been significant damage to the sheds and equipment at the allotments with the recent bad weather, this will be addressed as soon as possible

8. Planning Applications

- a. 20/00250/LBC Listed Building Consent in relation to 20/00118/FUL

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

- b. 20/00118/FUL Alterations and installation of rear dormer window and roof light to include rear single storey extension 66 Front Street Sowerby

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

- c. 20/00240/CAT Works to Trees Abbeyfield The Limes

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

- d. 20/00079/FUL Construction of a Garden Room 44 Back Lane

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

- e. 20/00030/FUL Demolition of boundary wall and construction of timber fence and gate 2 Mowbray Place

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved however wish to comment that they would prefer to see the boundary wall refurbished as it is in conservation area

- f. 20/00126/FUL Proposed 2 storey extension 49 Admirals Court

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application refused as it is overdevelopment of the site

Clerk to feed back comments to the planning department

9. Financial Matters

see appendix i

- a. Receipts
- b. Payments

Resolved all payments be approved

10. Correspondence for information only

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

- a. Confirmation of the grass cutting contract 2020 has been received from Mr Walker
- b. Thirsk Tourist Information has requested a letter of support for their application to list the TIC as an asset of community value. This had been done 5 years previously and the Parish Council are happy to confirm their support again
- c. A donation request had been received from the Library, this will be an agenda item in March
- d. VE Celebrations are ongoing in the area and a suggestion had been made for a commemorative bench. A suitable one has been sourced at a cost of approximately £1300 to be in place before 8th May 2020. This will be reviewed and ratified at the meeting in March

11. Reports from Sub Committees

- a. Cllr France delivered a Town Hall report
- b. Cllr Snowden advised that the CCA and Clock merger was complete and the new charity would be known as Community Works. Clerk to arrange for Chief Officer or representative to attend a future meeting and PC to consider if any financial support may be given to the venture

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12. Any Other Business

- a. Cllr Hoyland asked if the building at the corner of Chapel Street was ready to be opened and barriers removed, Cllr Robson advised that this is imminent once railings are put in place
- b. Cllr Storm raised an issue with pot holes on School Garth, a resident will review these and notify the clerk to report them

13. Date of next meetings:

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council 12th March 2020 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.47

Signed
Date

Chairman