

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 12th March 2020

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

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

1. A member of the public asked for an update regarding the dog bin at the playing field near the leisure centre, this is being attended to by HDC.
2. Apologies for Absence received and accepted from Cllrs Beadle, France, Storm, Turner and County Cllr Baker
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 13th February 2020 were approved.
4. NYP report was presented. Councillors were asked to be vigilant regarding an HMRC scam that is circulating. Cllr Robson advised that CCTV footage had been given to NYP following an incident in the play area.
5. County Council Matters: Cllr Baker was not present but the Clerk confirmed she has completed the paperwork and received confirmation of the £500 to replace the Sowerby sign.
6. District Councillors:
 - a. Cllr Robson attended the Lambert League of Friends meeting on 12th February and updated that the utilities are still being dealt with at the building, but that the transfer is going ahead. The layout and intentions will be agreed by HDC in consultation with Herriot Hospice
 - b. Cllr Robson updates members that Econ will be moving its operations from Ripon to the industrial site at Sowerby Gateway, subject to planning permission
 - c. Cllr Gray raised the issue of cycle parking at the railway - Cllr Hoyland will take this to the next rail users meeting.
 - d. Cllr Hoyland asked when bus service will be provided on the gateway, Cllr Robson advised that the housing is almost at the trigger point but that NYCC will be responsible for this service
7. Matters Arising from the minutes
 - a. The MVAS has been moved to Front Street and feedback from residents suggests it is being effective
 - b. Following the report of significant damage to the sheds and equipment at the allotments, remedial work has been actioned and Cllr Robson has arranged for HDC to cover the cost of this work. The grounds contractor Esh has also committed to dig over the compacted soil to make it easier to use

8. Planning Applications

see appendix i

Clerk to feed back comments to the planning department

9. Financial Matters

- a. Receipts - Nil
- b. Payments to approve

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Room Hire	102573	£69.83
J S Tomlinson Playground Checks	102574	£80.00
EE SPC Mobile Phone Contract & Insurance	102575	£23.14

Resolved all payments be approved

Signed
Date

Chairman

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- c. A request has been received from the Library regarding funding. This will be deferred until the parish council sets its precept in November.
- d. The bench to commemorate VE day was discussed and agreed. Two donors have contributed £250 each towards the cost of this bench. Clerk to send letter of thanks

10. Correspondence for information only

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

- a. A Letter of Resignation was received from Cllr P Chapman. The process to elect a replacement has been followed and HDC sent confirmation of insufficient requests from eligible electors for an election therefore the Parish Council is able to Co Opt. An advert will be circulated and the item will be added to the agenda of the next meeting. Cllr Robson has volunteered to take the place of Cllr Chapman on Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Committee
- b. An email regarding inconsiderate parking on Sowerby Gateway has been received. This has been forwarded to the County Council, Cllr Baker and NYP and the Clerk has updated social media with a request for residents to be considerate when parking
- c. An email regarding positioning of bollard on Poppy Drive has been sent to Linden Homes for their attention
- d. Minutes of the Town Hall Meeting 10th February 2020 were circulated
- e. Notification of YLCA Training Events - book via Clerk

11. Reports from Sub Committees

- a. Cllr Hoyland raised the issue of email addresses for councillors, which had been discussed at the YLCA branch meeting. The Clerk advised that these were already available for councillors and would circulate details
- b. Cllr Snowden advised that Community Works was working well and looking at improving the work they do with mental health support
- c. The Town Hall has no cleaner or caretaker so the committee has decided to implement some changes to hirers setting up and tidying away to alleviate some of the pressure this has caused. 2 key safes will also be purchased to allow users to access the building without needing to be met on site. Cllr Robson suggested this is quite a cultural change and may take time to embed.

12. Any Other Business

- a. Cllr Hoyland asked the Clerk to check the website accessibility statement in line with guidelines
- b. Cllr Snowden asked if HDC recycle plant pots, Cllr Robson to check
- c. The parish office move is taking place with a 3 month transition. A notice board and new sign have been ordered and some additional office furniture will be required. Thanks were offered to Cllr Bardon and his colleagues for their kind attention as landlords
- d. COVID19 is an unknown situation at present and it may be necessary for meetings to be postponed in the near future

13. Date of next meetings:

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council 9th April 2020 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.28

Signed
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Planning

Appendix i

Decisions	HDC	SPC
20/00079/FUL Construction of a Garden Room 44 Back Lane	Granted	WTSA
19/02746/FUL Application for approval of a substation Magnolia Way	Granted	WSTA
19/02370/FUL Retrospective consent for provision of access Warehouse Buffer Depot	Refused	

Applications

20/00368/FUL Proposed alterations and extension to rear of existing dwelling
10 Blakey Close Sowerby YO7 1JL

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

20/00291/FUL Siting of steel storage container | Lambert Medical Centre (Doctors Surgery And Clinic)
2 Chapel Street Sowerby YO7 1LU

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

20/00301/MRC Variation of Conditions attached to Application Reference Number: 18/00573/FUL - Construction of single storey extension to existing cafe and formation of 17 car parking spaces
Thirsk Garden Centre Blakey Lane Sowerby YO7 3AB

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

20/00269/FUL Construction of agricultural building, improvements to the field access and construction of timber post and rail fence and inward opening field gate

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

20/00306/CAT Application for works to trees in a conservation area - Reduce Conifer and Yew hedge by 3m.
1 Sowerby Terrace Sowerby North Yorkshire YO7 1HT Cllr Hoyland declared an interest in this application.

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

Signed
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