

Sowerby Parish Council
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 9th November 2017

Present: Cllr. M. Robson, Cllr. P. Bardon, Cllr P Beadle, Cllr. D. Gray, Cllr. E. Storm, Cllr G France, Cllr S Hoyland and Cllr C Snowden.

Also present were County Councillor Baker, 1 member of the public and the Clerk, Alexandra Little.

1. A member of the public commented that it was reassuring to see that the local MP was supportive of the attempts to ensure affordable housing was provided in areas of need. Concern was raised about the increased cost of the Sowerby Gateway junction and the fact that this has had a negative impact on the affordable housing levels.
Cllr Robson reiterated that lack of affordable housing is a nationwide issue and that the government are working towards altering legislation which currently enables developers to go back on their commitments. Funding is being sourced from other areas in order to increase the affordable housing levels.
2. Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr. P. Chapman, Cllr. A. Turner and Cllr. G. Foxton
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 12th October 2017 were signed as a correct record.
4. No NY Police present
5. County Councillor Baker updated the Parish Council on a positive meeting with Highways regarding Blakey Bridge. A pathway will be incorporated and signage will be improved and the permanent works are anticipated in the early part of the financial year 2018/2019.
He confirmed that the speed limit from A168 to Visar Garage will remain at 60 mph as this is not a street lit area.
**Cllr Hoyland reported the green trunk road sign at the corner by Chapel Street is faded.
Resolved Clark to report this to Highways**
6. District Councillors
Planning permission for the third phase at Sowerby Gateway has been issued and work will commence on the junction after the 45 day judicial review period ends, on 20th December. However preliminary works are now underway to prepare the site.
Sowerby Sports Village has had monies released to kick start the build and the first phase is expected to begin in early spring. The figures for the building of the sports village have been robustly established and no significant increases are expected.
Making a Difference grants have been offered to:
Hillside Rural Activity, Carlton Lodge, Festival on the Flatts, The Clock and the CCA.
Cllrs Robson and Dadd have sent a letter to CCG to attempt to prevent the sale of the Lambert hospital. Local doctors expressed interest in developing some form of collaborative services which is being investigated.
7. Matters arising from minutes
 - a. Street lights on the Flatts Walk that were replaced were not traditional lantern style and as such will not be replaced with lanterns.

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- b. Residents were reminded to take their bins in after collection. A discussion had taken place with the grass cutting contractor about cutting on bin day but, as the village has different collections on different days, then this may be difficult to address.
8. Planning Applications
a. Decisions and New Applications see appendix i
Resolved Clerk to feedback comments to planning department
9. Financial Matters
Resolved all payments approved see appendix ii
10. New Agenda Items:
To consider donations to:
Thirsk Community Library
A discussion took place about whether the Parish Council wished to support the library with a donation to their running costs. Cllr Hoyland proposed a donation of £1000 to support this work which was seconded by Cllr Bardon and agreed unanimously.
Resolved £1000 to be donated to Thirsk Community Library by Sowerby Parish Council
- Festival On the Flatts**
A discussion took place about whether the Parish Council wished to support the festival with a donation to their organisational costs. Cllr Robson proposed a donation of £500 which was seconded by Cllr Bardon and agreed unanimously.
Resolved £500 to be donated to the Festival on the Flatts by Sowerby Parish Council
- An annual donation to St Oswalds Church and the Royal British Legion had been agreed in the finance section.
- Annual Review of Parish Precept**
Discussion took place around the parish precept requirements for 2018/2019. It was agreed that the services provided to the village and ongoing maintenance by the Parish Council are vital. A summary of the current year expenditure was reviewed along with expected spend for the next financial year. It was noted that within the balance of the Parish Council account there are commuted sums for lifetime grass cutting and grounds maintenance of areas that have been transferred to the Parish Council over recent years by developers. Cllr Beadle proposed a precept of £68,000 to cover ongoing costs, this was seconded by Cllr Hoyland and agreed unanimously.
Resolved Sowerby Parish Council will submit a request for a precept of £68,000 for 2018/9
11. To receive Correspondence for information only see appendix iii
Councillors discussed the request for a donation from the CAB but would like further financial information before agreeing it. This will be requested by the clerk and added to the agenda of a future meeting once received.
12. No Reports from Sub Committees received
13. Any other business that may be legally discussed:
a. Town Hall First Aid Box seems to be locked, CLerk to raise this with Secretary.

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- b. Vehicles have been parked at Town End whilst hairdressers has been refurbished, this will be monitored.
- c. Concern was raised about the railway station, taxis are using the parking spaces on the bridge and the disabled parking spaces are covered with the new toilets. Cllr Hoyland will provide Rail User Group minutes to review these matters
- d. A grant scheme is available for signage for public places. Discussed the need for No Smoking and No Dogs signs for the play areas. Clerk to organise these.
- e. Cycling is still an issue on Flatts Walk and some pedestrians have been hurt by passing cyclists. Councillors advised to request residents raised these incidents with the police on 101.
- f. Parking is a problem again on Gravel Hole Lane and Kings Meadows, again this will be raised with NYP on 101
- g. Thanks had been received from parishioners for dealing with litter in the village
- h. Multi Activity Centre in the Play Area will be repainted in the spring. Councillors were asked to be vigilant when passing the play park as Cllr Robson had collected broken glass from one piece of equipment.
- i. Chippings have been replaced in the aerial slide
- j. Allotments are in the plans for the Sports Village, anyone interested should contact the Parish Council in the first instance

Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th December 2017 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 9.25pm

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Appendix i Planning

Decisions

16/00950/FUL	Residential Development of 25 Bungalows Former Buffer Depot	Refused
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Applications

17/02291/FUL	Rear extension to form conservatory 38 Victoria Avenue	Wish to see approved
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17/02244/CAT	Work to Beech Trees Sowerby House Front Street	Wish to see approved
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17/02264/MRC	Variation of Conditions of application 13/01046/FUL relating to use of land Hampton House Blakey Lane	
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Wish to see approved - with conditions attached in relation to the applicant's description of her plans to provide services on a small scale to friends and family

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Appendix ii Finance					
November 2017	Description	Payment Method	£	VAT	Total
Balances					
24.10.2017	Community Account		103,931.00		103,931.00
24.10.2017	Business Saver Account Balance		9,043.48		112,974.48
Receipts					
					0.00
Payments					
16.10.2017	Clerk Salary	SO	737.95	0.00	737.95
19.10.2017	NEST Clerk Pension	SO	72.92	0.00	72.92
27.10.2017	British Gas Electricity On Site	DDM	20.50	4.10	24.60
01.11.2017	R Milka Office Rent	SO	312.00	0.00	312.00
07.11.2017	BT	DDM	98.83	19.78	118.61
05.11.2017	Goodchipe Delivery 1 of 2 Chippings for Play Area	102280	300.00	0.00	300.00
09.11.2017	CE & CM Walker Ltd October Grass Cutting Bill	102341	498.00	99.60	597.60
09.11.2017	Telecom Yorkshire Quarterly Provision	102342	101.19	20.24	121.43
09.11.2017	Pennine Playgrounds Replacement Seat	102343	210.35	42.07	252.42
09.11.2017	PKF Annual External Audit Invoice	102344	300.00	60.00	360.00
09.11.2017	Oxmoor Building Repair and Rebuilding of Signs	102345	350.00	0.00	350.00
09.11.2017	SGS Tree and Shrub Work Flatts and Play Area	102346	700.00	140.00	840.00
09.11.2017	Solutions Now Hard Drive and IT Maintenance Visit	102347	63.05	12.61	75.66
09.11.2017	Donation to Thirsk Community Library	102349	1,000.00		1,000.00
09.11.2017	Donation to Festival on the Flatts	102350	500.00		500.00
09.11.2017	Donation to St Oswalds Church	102351	1,000.00		1,000.00
09.11.2017	Donation to Royal British Legion	102352	150.00		150.00
11.11.2017	Goodchipe Delivery 2 of 2 Chippings for Play Area	102353	160.00		160.00
Summary					
	Monthly Expenditure		3,701.74	394.30	6,973.19

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Appendix iii Correspondence

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

Thirsk C C A request for volunteers

CAB request for Donation

British Gas Notification of supply of electric and DDM

Lambert Hospital Letter from Councillors Dadd and Robson

Residents information re Melbourne Place Buffer Depot

Confirmation that Yorkshire Water will attend meeting on 14th December

Confirmation that Trading Standards will attend meeting on 11th January

Sowerby Sports Village Press Release

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