

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 14th February 2019

Present: Cllrs Robson, Bardon, Beadle, Chapman, Foxtton, Gray, Hoyland, Snowden and Storm

Also Present: Cllr Baker, 6 Members of the public, M Jewitt and the Clerk, Alexandra Little

1. A member of the public raised concern about the monitoring of parking inside Tesco car park and asked if there was any agreement for residents to have access to parking outside the restrictions.
Councillors confirmed that Tesco have their own cameras to monitor parking, this is not a district council operated car park and there was no agreement, as far as the council is aware, to give residents preferential parking. Unfortunately it is not a matter the Parish Council can help with and needs to be referred to Tesco.
2. Apologies for Absence received and accepted from Cllrs Turner and France.
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 20th December 2018 were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Gray and seconded by Cllr Beadle.
4. A police report was circulated, councillors noted the increased police presence particularly in the area of the school. There were no questions for North Yorkshire Police.
5. M Jewitt, Deputy Chief Executive of Hambleton District Council attended the meeting to answer questions from the Parish Council with regard to the decision to grant reserved matters planning consent, without an affordable housing element in July 2018.
Mr Jewitt thanked the councillors for inviting him to the meeting and Cllr Robson encouraged all councillors to ask whatever questions were pertinent to this matter whilst Mr Jewitt was present.
Cllr Hoyland asked for clarification on a number of matters that he had previously raised in correspondence with Mr Jewitt relating to affordable housing on phase 3 and the District Councils policy on affordable housing. These were answered fully by Mr Jewitt.
Although no affordable housing was granted in phase 3, Cllr Robson reminded members that an overage condition had been placed within the section 106 agreement, which had potential to provide affordable housing throughout this phase, based on profitability.
Cllr Robson invited further questions from other councillors of which there were none.
6. County Council Matters:
County Cllr Baker advised that the county council will increase council tax by 2.9% + 2% for social care. This will still leave a deficit of £14 million which will be met by further cuts and financial management.
Cllr Hoyland asked what areas will be cut and Cllr Baker advised that savings were to be made by reducing the bureaucracy and focussing on operating more efficiently using methods such as the portal to speed up processes. Social care and education will not be affected by cuts.
Cllr Bardon asked when the council may see action on the drains on Topcliffe Road as it is a year since these were reported to highways. Cllr Baker advised these were in the works programme but would follow up to find out when work could be expected.

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7. District Councillors:

- a. Cllr Robson advised that the panel met to agree the Making A Difference grant funds for the current tranche. These will be passed to Cabinet for approval next month.
- b. Proposed amendment of business rates which will allow reductions dependent on sizes of shops, turnover and certain types of outlet, will also be approved by Full Council next month.
- c. Hambleton District Council will increase council tax by £5 on a Band D property to provide all the same services and continue to invest in the district. He reminded residents that whilst the district council is the billing authority, the other areas of charge are outside the remit of the district council. Hambleton will remain the third lowest Council Tax Authority in the UK and the lowest in North Yorkshire.
- d. The meeting to discuss the possible options for the former Lambert Hospital was very well attended. The online survey is open until 8th March and further discussions will take place to ensure future provision is for the benefit of the community.

8. Matters arising from minutes

- a. Sports Village security fencing is going in this month, along with tarmac for the car parks. There is ongoing correspondence between the parish clerk and HDC with regard to the terms of allotment use, which are likely to be ready for use from June 2019. Cllr Beadle expressed concerns about continued speeding of delivery trucks and Cllr Hoyland added that school times are not being avoided.

Resolved Cllr Robson report this to site manager

- b. New CCTV cameras are working well and have already been used for a police enquiry, Cllr Foxton reported he had noticed a reduction in people hanging around the park since the upgrade.

9. Planning Applications

see appendix i

10. Financial Matters

see appendix ii

a. Receipts

b. Payments

Resolved all items approved for payment

11. Correspondence for information only

see appendix iii

Donations have been requested from Royal British Legion Band and Thirsk Library, these will be agenda items at the next meeting.

Cllr Hoyland requested further information about planning that needs a decision between meetings, the Clerk will look into this and report back.

12. New Agenda Items - Village Greens and Roadways are in need of routine maintenance. Two quotes from approved contractors have been received at £1500 and £1280.

Resolved the contract will be offered to the contractor with the lowest quote and work will be done at the same time at the Parochial Hall and Blakey Lane in early April.

13. Reports from Sub Committees

- a. The Clock merger is being explored and a new name for the organisation will be used.

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- b. Town Hall meeting took place and agreements were made with regard to the responsibility of costs to the Parish and Town Councils. A short, medium and long term planned spend will be developed to allow councils to budget for these.

14. Any other business that may be legally discussed

- a. Leisure Centre parking was raised, this is still an issue although parking lines have been repainted and the coach pull in has been moved.
- b. Trees in Front Street lost branches in the recent storm, surveyor to be asked to attend asap
- c. Height Restrictor on Blakey Bridge was discussed, it was reiterated that NYCC will not put a restrictor in place because of the use by farm vehicles.
- d. Dog Bins on the Gateway are being well used and, for information, are emptied on a Thursday.
- e. Cllr Robson is having regular meetings with the Head Teacher at Thirsk School.

15. Date of next meeting Thursday 14th March 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 20.37

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Planning
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Applications

19/00200/ADV	Moss Motors - Illuminated Signs Wish to see approved
19/00126/FUL	64 Saxty Way - alterations to garage Wish to see approved
19/00121/CAT	140 Front Street - Tree Works Wish to see approved
18/01435/FUL	Thirsk & Sowerby Institute - retrospective for windows and doors Wish to see approved
19/00120/FUL	53 Sowerby Road - replacement windows Wish to see front windows approved but rear refused due to the location of the property in a conservation area
19/00032/CAT	71 Sowerby Road Application to fell a tree in a conservation area Wish to see approved
19/00031/CAT	73 Sowerby Road Application to carry out works to trees in a conservation area WTSA Wish to see approved

Decisions

18/00917/FUL	Change of use to 2 Townhouses Chapel Street	Granted	WTSA
8/02202/LBC	Listed Building Consent Roof window 52a Admirals Court	Granted	WTSA
18/00573/FUL	Single Storey Extension Thirsk Garden Centre	Granted	WTSA

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February	Description	Payment Method	£	VAT	Total
16.01.19	Barclays Current Account Balance				72,414.86
31.01.19	Yorkshire Bank Account 1				20,000.00
31.01.19	Yorkshire Bank Account 2				20,000.00
Receipts					
19.12.18	HMRC VAT Refund		8,299.88		8,299.88
07.02.19	NYCC Locality Funding for footpaths/gravel		1,866.00		1,866.00
Payments					
02.01.19	R & DM Milka and P Bardon Office Rent	SO	329.34	29.20	358.54
07.01.19	Quickline IT Remote Working WIFI	SO	24.99	5.00	29.99
15.01.19	Clerk Salary	SO	711.86	0.00	711.86
21.01.19	British Gas Quarterly Electricity Bill	SO	261.24	0.00	261.24
14.02.19	Office Furniture Online	102457	3,198.00	639.60	3,837.60
14.02.19	HMRC PAYE Q3	102458	603.92	0.00	603.92
14.02.19	Steven J Dresser CCTV Camera Upgrade	102459	2,199.00	439.80	2,638.80
14.02.19	Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Trust Insurance half	102460	277.88	0.00	277.88
14.02.19	PKF Littlejohn External Audit	102461	300.00	60.00	360.00
14.02.19	SGS Quarterly Charges and Gritting Inv 5527 & 5537	102462	3,514.96	702.99	4,217.95
14.02.19	Hambleton District Council Replace damages dog waste bin	102463	266.50	53.30	319.80
14.02.19	J S Tomlinson Playground assessment and repairs x 7	102464	170.03	0.00	170.03
14.02.19	C M A Little Office Stationery and Printer Ink	102465	71.35	14.28	85.63
Summary	Monthly Expenditure		10,862.88	1,909.97	13,514.70
	Barclays				60,766.16
	Yorkshire Bank No1				20,000.00
	Yorkshire Bank No2				20,000.00
				Total	100,766.16

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Appendix iii Correspondence

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

Thanks from Royal British Legion regarding contribution to Remembrance Day Celebrations

Notification of appointment of HDC Standards Hearings Panel Representatives

Minutes of the Town Hall Committee Meeting

Report from North Yorkshire Police

Thirsk Dales Gymnastics Group Information re funding

Thirsk Library funding request

Royal British Legion Band funding request

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