

# Sowerby Parish Council

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 13th September 2018

**Present: Cllrs Robson, Bardon, Beadle, Chapman, Foxtan, France, Gray, Snowden, Storm and Turner**

**Also Present: Cllr Baker, 4 Members of the public and the Clerk, Alexandra Little**

1. A member of the public requested the Parish Council supports in asking the county council to continue a 20 mph speed limit on Gravel Hole Lane. Councillors were supportive of this and will request North Yorkshire County Council give consideration to it. Councillor Baker will take this forward, at the request of the Parish Council

Frustration was expressed at the fact that Blakey Lane is going to be shut for bridge works in October. Whilst the Parish Council would have preferred to have seen the work done after the junction at the A168, the county council works program means that it needs to be dealt with in October

2. Apologies for Absence received and accepted from Cllr Hoyland
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 12th July were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Bardon and seconded by Cllr Gray
4. No report from NY Police was received
5. Cllr Baker advised that drains investigations are ongoing and future work is needed as there is drain damage along Topcliffe Road. Cllr Bardon expressed disappointment that, despite formally starting the process of communication regarding blocked drains with the county council in January, these works have still not been completed. Whilst there maybe underground damage, they are full of debris. There has been severe flooding during recent rainfall and this is not acceptable for roadway which supports three schools

**Resolved Clerk write to Area 2 again for an update on what they are doing and information regarding the timing of their works program**

6. District Councillors:

A number of discharge of conditions for the Sowerby gateway site have been submitted, these are for information only

Cllr Robson advised that a written update was being received from the site manager at the A168 junction. This will be circulated via Facebook and Parish Website where appropriate

It has been requested that the trucks avoid moving and out of the site during school drop-off and pickup times, however the necessity of the works means that this is not always possible.

Unfortunately there will be some disruption, although the heavy goods movement should reduce in 3 to 4 weeks

There was a discussion regarding the diversion signs, as these can be confusing. Councillor Robson advised that signage is arranged between area to and the highways agency, and the comments have been fed back to him regarding its effectiveness

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It was raised with the district councillors that unsolicited calls regarding their leisure centres have been received. Cllr Robson is not aware of these and will check their authenticity

Progress is being made on the purchase of the former Lambert Hospital by the District Council

There will be a public meeting regarding allotments and fitness track at the sports village, to involve the local community

#### 7. Matters arising from minutes

- a. The Chairman and Clerk visited the new Headteacher at Thirsk school. She is keen to be involved with the community and is working to improve the pastoral care of the children. It was also advised that academisation is now not on their agenda
- b. Another comment has been received from a resident on Dondeen Avenue regarding football playing. This is being looked into by the Chairman

#### 8. Planning Applications

See appendix i

**Resolved Clerk to feed back the comments about the planning applications to the District Council**

#### 9. Financial Matters

see appendix ii

- a. Receipts
- b. To Note and Approve Payments - Woodchip for the aerial slide has been delivered on the invoice will be paid when received

**Resolved all items approved for payment**

- c. Banking Arrangements - The Chairman, Vice Chairman have an appointment with Yorkshire Bank and will update next meeting

#### 10. Correspondence for information only

see appendix iii

A donation for the Moorsbus was requested and council has agreed to fund this to the same level as last year.

A donation for the Citizens Advice Bureau work has been made. Cllr France proposed £150, this was seconded by Cllr Foxton and approved.

A Resident has written regarding cold calling on Blakey close. This will be forwarded to the North Yorkshire Police Safeguarding department, who deals with these matters.

A letter has been received regarding rubbish outside Meadow Fields. This has been passed to the District Council

Correspondence was received requesting that the Parish Council call a special meeting regarding Sowerby Gateway and the report of Broadacres previous financial management in the press

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Discussion took place around this subject. It is not the Parish Council's place to call a public meeting regarding this matter. The Parish Council made their comments regarding the planning application for the development as a group. The Homes and Communities agency and Broadacres fulfilled their responsibilities. Senior directors at Broadacres were relieved of their duties and issues within the organisation have been dealt with

**Resolved Clerk to respond to the resident advising that this matter has been discussed in full and no public meeting will be called. This is the unanimous decision of the Parish Council.**

#### 11. Sub Committees

Cllr Snowden reported that The Clock is now working with Thirsk CCA and looking at a collaboration. Clockworks has been launched to create funds, starting with a furniture store

Cllr Foxton provided minutes of the Town Hall meeting. concern was raised regarding the community library offering room hire for free, which has resulted in the town hall losing two bookings per week

#### 12. Any other business that may be legally discussed

Cllr France had been asked by a resident about access for wheelchairs to the Flatts. Cllrs Bardon and Robson advised that the gate at Miss Warner's field is an accessible gate.

Cllr Snowden raised the issue of damage to branches/trees I on Front Street. The tree surgeon will be contacted

The hedge on Topcliffe Road is still causing concern, Clerk to report this to the footpath officer again

Cllr Foxton will organise a litter pick

Cllr Chapman asked for the posters on the fence at the decorating centre to be reviewed, this is Thirsk Town Council matter and will be passed to them

Cllr Robson advised of the following:

Remembrance Sunday 11th November 9:30 am starting at Sowerby Church. An external PA system will be provided by the Parish Council as usual

The village tree for Christmas will be organised as usual

Carols around the Christmas tree will be on Tuesday 18th of December at 7pm

#### 13. Date of next meeting Thursday 11th October 2018 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.53

## Appendix i Planning

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### Decisions

|                |  |      |         |
|----------------|--|------|---------|
| 18/01531/FUL   | First Floor Extension<br>30 Saxty Way                    | WTSA | Granted |
| 18/01475/CAT   | Fell A Robina Tree<br>5 Oxmoor Grange                    | WTSA | Granted |
| 18/0566/FUL    | Single Storey Extension<br>42 Admirals Court             | WTSA | Granted |
| 18/01157/FUL   | Install 14 Solar Panels<br>1 Sandholme Court             | WTSA | Granted |
| 18/01229/FUL   | Replace rotten windows<br>20 Mowbray Place               | WTSA | Granted |
| 18/01050/FUL   | Rear Extension and Window Replacement<br>53 Front Street | WTSA | Granted |
| 18 /00873/FUL  | Change of use to Car Boot<br>Woodfield Farm              | WTSA | Granted |
| 18/01357/FUL   | Replacement Windows<br>53 Sowerby Road                   | WTSR | Refused |
| 10/02373/DCN02 | Discharge Of Conditions<br>Sowerby Sports Village        |      |         |
| 10/02373/DCN03 | Discharge Of Conditions<br>Phase 1 Ind Est               |      |         |

### Applications

|              |   |      |
|--------------|---|------|
| 18/01740/MBN | Change of use Agricultural Buildings to 3 Dwellings | WTSA |
| 18/01644/FUL | Proposed New Farmhouse                              | WTSA |
| 18/01832/FUL | Extension and Installation of Windows               | WTSA |
| 18/01712/FUL | Creation of Off Street Parking                      | WTSA |
| 18/01679/FUL | Replacement of Conservatory with extension          | WTSA |

### Agreed Between Meetings

|               |                                       |      |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|------|
| 18/01412/FUL  | Change of Use from kitchen to Bedroom | WTSA |
| 18/00917/FUL  | Change of Use to 2 dwellings          | WTSA |
| 18/015866/FUL | Extension to form new lobby           | WTSA |
| 18/01475/CAT  | Work to trees                         | WTSA |
| 18/01531/FUL  | Construction to second bathroom       | WTSA |

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|                 |   |        |           |        |                  |
|-----------------|---|--------|-----------|--------|------------------|
| <b>Receipts</b> |   |        |           |        |                  |
| 01.08.2018      | Shine TV  |        | 10,000.00 |        | <b>10,000.00</b> |
| <b>Payments</b> |   |        |           |        |                  |
| 01.08.18        | R & DM Milka and P Bardon Office Rent             | SO     | 329.34    | 0.00   | <b>329.34</b>    |
| 12.08.18        | Quickline IT Remote Working WIFI                  | SO     | 24.99     | 5.00   | <b>29.99</b>     |
| 13.08.18        | Material for Village Seats                        | 102411 | 1,500.00  | 0.00   | <b>1,500.00</b>  |
| 15.08.18        | Clerk Salary                                      | SO     | 737.95    | 0.00   | <b>737.95</b>    |
| 24.08.18        | British Gas Electricity                           | SO     | 0.39      | 0.00   | <b>0.39</b>      |
| 03.09.18        | R & DM Milka and P Bardon Office Rent             | SO     | 329.34    | 0.00   | <b>329.34</b>    |
| 12.09.18        | Quickline IT Remote Working WIFI                  | SO     | 24.99     | 5.00   | <b>29.99</b>     |
| 13.09.18        | CE & CM Walker Ltd Grass Cutting 07 & 08          | 102412 | 1,832.00  | 366.40 | <b>2,198.40</b>  |
| 13.09.18        | Pennine Playgrounds Surface Repair                | 102413 | 840.00    | 168.00 | <b>1,008.00</b>  |
| 13.09.18        | S Dresser PAT Testing                             | 102414 | 75.00     | 15.00  | <b>90.00</b>     |
| 13.09.18        | J S Tomlinson Playground Assessment & Repairs x 6 | 102415 | 121.70    | 0.00   | <b>121.70</b>    |
| 13.09.18        | Greenbarnes Noticeboard                           | 102416 | 1,582.89  | 316.59 | <b>1,899.48</b>  |
| 13.09.18        | SolutionsNow Web Hosting                          | 102417 | 55.00     | 11.00  | <b>66.00</b>     |
| 13.09.18        | Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall                      | 102418 | 1,704.00  | 0.00   | <b>1,704.00</b>  |
| 15.09.18        | Clerk Salary                                      | SO     | 737.95    | 0.00   | <b>737.95</b>    |
|                 |   |        |           |        |                  |
|                 |   |        |           |        |                  |
| Summary         | Monthly Expenditure                               |        | 9,541.21  | 881.99 | <b>10,782.53</b> |

### Appendix iii Correspondence

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

Request for Funding Contribution Moorsbus

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Complaint re Cold Callers Blakey Close

Complaint re parking on grass verge - end of Front Street

Complaint of rubbish dumping opposite Meadowfields

Complaint about the overhanging bushes on Topcliffe Road near Town End/Crossing

Resident request for Drop Kerbing to be added to Back Lane Sowerby outside 21-23

Request for Special Meeting re Mulberry Homes

Thanks for vegetation clearing - Blakey Bridge