

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 10th March 2016

Meeting Opened at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. W. Austin, Cllr. P. Bardon, Cllr A Turner, Cllr. P. Beadle, Cllr. D. Bentley, Cllr. P. Chapman, Cllr. G. Foxton, Cllr. S. Hoyland, Cllr. M. Robson, Cllr. E. Storm and Cllr R Baker

1. **Members of the public:** A member of the public raised continued concerns over parking safety on Gravel Hole Lane and Kings Meadows. PCSO Walker will address this Blakey Lane is still a concern, grass is getting churned up

Resolved Cllr Baker will request highways to review signage

Also the footpath from the cattle mart to the A19 is in a state of disrepair. Cllr Robson advised that the Footpaths Officer is aware of this and it will be dealt with in due course

2. **Apologies for absence:** all present
3. **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting** of the Parish Council held on Thursday 11th February were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.
4. **NY Police Incident Report** received from PCSO L Walker
 - Parking issues were raised again
 - Horses becoming loose on Kings Meadows
 - Vehicle Obstruction on Green Lane East

PCSO Walker has confirmed she will look into these matters

 - Disappointment was expressed in the way it appears NY Police are handling concerns raised by the Parish Council as the same issues are repeated regularly

Resolved Cllr Austin to write to NY Police
5. **Report from County Councillor Baker** Cllr Baker had nothing further to add
6. **Reports from District Councillors**
 - a. Cllr Bardon reported the remedial work on the leisure centre, including retiling and updating fixtures and fittings, is on course for completion on 21st March
 - b. Cllr Turner and Cllr Hoyland commented on the Blue Bins and how well these have been received. There are concerns about the sheer number of bins being put out for collection, making certain streets particularly congested. Cllr Robson advised that 100% of households were to be given opportunity to recycle however should they wish to share a blue bin or use a clear bag as an alternative that this can be accommodated and residents should call Hambleton District Council to organise this.
 - c. Cllr Turner raised concerns about the car park at the swimming pool as it can be $\frac{3}{4}$ full even when the pool is closed. Cllr Robson acknowledged that this is an issue. A barrier system will not be reintroduced and charging is not an option. Head of Service Steve Lister is looking into this and Cllr Robson suggested that that the Flatts Trust and Swimming Pool Charity should meet to consider a way forward.

Resolved Cllr Robson to initiate meeting and feedback after it has taken place

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7. Matters arising from last minutes

- a. Site meeting re Planning application at Fox's Chapel Street went ahead and as a result new plans are to be submitted, these have not yet been received
- b. Queens 90th Birthday Tree - prices for a tree have been received. Mike l'Anson has offered a free tree from Thirsk Community Woodlands Group and N Whittaker has provided a quote for a well established tree at £795. Cllr Austin has also suggested as an alternative the council could do some work on the Memorial Park including Hedging, Post and Rail Fence, a seat with a plaque for the 90th Birthday and some planting to make more of a feature of the park. Cllr Austin has also suggested that we accept the kind offer of a tree from the Thirsk Community Woodlands Group and consider where to site it. The Greens committee will meet as soon as possible after Easter
Resolved that the council proceed with the memorial park refurbishment
- c. There have been no applications for the Co Opted Councillor vacancy as yet

8.25 pm Cllr Baker left the meeting

- d. Lambert Hospital Public Meeting will take place on 22nd March at 6pm in Thirsk High School, chaired by Cllr Dadd
- e. There is a change to the bus service from Reliance York 30x which will be coming into Thirsk via Sowerby with effect from 13th April. The minibus association will review the situation when they next meet on 20th April re the figure of 8 service
- f. Thirsk Library Cllr Hoyland reported on the situation at the last meeting and the CCA involvement is still ongoing, he feels that is is moving forward positively. Cllr Austin has also visited the library and felt it was well organised

8. **Planning Applications:** Appendix i Decisions and New Applications

Cllr Robson noted that he took no part in the decision re application 16/00339/FUL Mr M Strudwick as Mr Strudwick was an employee of the council

Cllr Bardon declared an interest in the License Application 16-Prem-00080 Premier Inn (Proposed) as he is on the Licensing Committee and took no part in the conversation Today's planning committee meeting has refused the application for 40 caravans on the site belonging to Bill Calvert

9. **Financial Matters:**

- a. Appendix ii Receipts and Payments approved unanimously
- b. YLCA Membership has been renewed and Cllr Hoyland explained to the council the reasons this has increased is due to a NALC national development programme, which was opposed by YLCA but has been passed
- c. The mandate change has now been actioned and a letter of complaint sent to Barclays

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10. Correspondence: Appendix iii

- a. Resolved that Clerk to sign petition for Town and Parish Councils Right of Appeal for Planning
- b. Parish Liaison Meeting to be attended by Clerk, Cllr Beadle, Cllr Storm and Cllr Chapman

11. New Agenda Items:

- a. Website - preliminary new look has been developed and feedback is requested from councillors. Also Facebook discussed as a way of reaching younger members of the community.

Resolved Clerk to send link to council for review and Clerk to look into setting up Facebook page which would be tightly administered

- b. Thanks to Cllr Foxton and the play area volunteer for their efforts
Resolved a bunch of flowers to be sent to her as a gesture of thanks from the council

12. Sub Committees No reports

13. Any other business, which may legally be discussed

- a. Tree at West End was removed as it was split and falling
- b. Cllr Robson has requested gravelling of pathway from Miles Bainbridge with suitable stone and this will cost approximately £600
- c. Electronic Planning Applications are being trialled by Hambleton District Council
Cllr Robson suggested that we consider this as we are one of the larger councils in a position to be able to trial it, the Clerk would have opportunity to track applications. We would need to upgrade our IT equipment and install a projector in the Town Hall, this would not be funded by the district council. Thirsk Town Council would share the projector cost. Cllr Bardon agreed it would be useful if councillors were able to view planning online at home. The Clerk is keen to be part of the pilot programme.

Resolved that Sowerby Parish Council pilot the scheme

14. Date of next meeting: Thursday 14th April 2016, 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.07pm

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Appendix i Planning

Decisions	SPC Comments	Decision
15/02284/FUL Change of use to caravan park Mr B Calvert	Land at York Road Wish to see refused	Refused
16/00078/FUL Demolition of outbuildings and construction of garage Mr & Mrs P Walkland	57 Sowerby Road Wish to see approved	Granted
26/00003/FUL Single Story Extension and retrospective application for car-port Mr J Spence	Pear Tree Cottage, 1a Danum Avenue Wish to see approved	Granted
16/00020/FUL Proposed replacement of front elevation mock sash windows Mr S Taylor	107 Front Street Wish to see approved	Granted

Applications

16/00339/FUL Construction of single storey rear extension with provision of roof lights Mr M Strudwick	60 Front Street Sowerby YO7 1JF
16/00334/FUL Alterations to rear first floor windows, re roofing, replacement front door, annexe to form additional habitable accommodation Mr A Brown	16 Melbourne Place Sowerby YO7 1QY
16/00372/FUL Extension to the rear of the dwellinghouse Mr & Mrs Clarke	37 Admirals Court YO7 1RS

16-Prem-00080 Premier Inn (Proposed) Land South of Maple Gardens

New Premises Licence application received for the above address for the supply of alcohol and entertainment

Films	Everyday	10.00 till 00.30
Late night refreshment	Everyday	23.00 till 00.30
Supply of Alcohol	Everyday	10.00 till 00.30
Hours Premise open (to the Public)	Everyday	06.00 till 01.00

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Appendix ii Finance

Balances

Community Account as 10th March 2016	£ 98,254.72
Business Saver Account Balance as 10th March 2016	£ 9,038.96

Receipts

£ 0.00

Payments

		Chq No	£	VAT
01.03.2016	Office Rent Standing Order Payment		312.00	
28.02.2016	BT Bill	102125	22.77	4.55
10.03.2016	YLCA Annual Membership	102126	725.00	
10.03.2016	SGS Gritting	102127	175.00	35.00
15.03.2016	C M A Little Clerk's Salary Bank Transfer		643.50	

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Appendix iii Correspondence

Tower Mint Ltd Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday Commemorative Medal

YLCA Petition to give local councils the right to appeal Planning Decisions

Local Events update Thirsk Tourist Information

Aire Valley Tree Services Estimate for commemorative tree

Ripon and District Scout Council Invitation to Annual St George's Day Parade and Service 24th April

Invitation to Parish Liaison Meeting 31.03.16

Barclays - Changes to Savings Account Information Pack

Complaint Letter to Barclays Bank from SPC

Signed:
W Austin, Chairman
Date: