

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 10th November 2016

Present: Cllr. M. Robson, Cllr. P Bardon, Cllr. P. Beadle, Cllr. P. Chapman, Cllr. E. Storm, Cllr S. Hoyland, Cllr. D. Gray and Cllr. G Foxtton.

Also present were 4 members of the public, County Cllr. R. Baker, the Clerk Alexandra Little and 1 representative of North Yorkshire Police.

1. Members of the Public

A member of the public requested NYCC be asked to provide a grit bin for Blakey Lane. This has been requested previously and denied as the council felt there is not an appropriate place to site it, Cllr Baker will request again on our behalf and Sowerby Parish Council would pay for it to be filled.

Residents asked for the view of the council on the proposed development on Belgrave Terrace. There is concern about pressure for additional parking, infill of conservation area and change to the history of the terrace never being finished. Cllr Robson advised that the Parish Council is only an advisory party in this matter and that the conservation officer will be consulted. This application will be reviewed by planning committee and when this takes place a resident will be given opportunity to speak.

2. Apologies for absence from Cllr A Turner.

3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 13th October 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. NY Police Incident Report: PCSO Walker delivered a report on crime in the area, advising low level in the last month. A clown incident was investigated and the perpetrator caught. National Crime Statistics show that North Yorkshire is the safest place to live and that 84% of residents feel that NYP are doing a great job.

Cllr Bardon asked if PCSO Walker could please revisit Green Lane/Croft Head junction as parking there has resumed. He thanked her for the excellent job she had done last time.

5. Report from County Councillor Baker: Cllr Baker discussed the winter maintenance programme for North Yorkshire roads, 2750 miles of road will be gritted as a priority and 8000 salt bins are to be refilled.

Cllr Baker was asked what pressure the county council will be putting on the CCG over the Lambert Hospital closure and the continued use of the the building for the provision of services locally to our community. Cllr Baker advised that the county council have no control over what the CCG do but will continue to emphasise the importance of local healthcare on behalf of the residents. Cllr Robson also advised that he was meeting with Janet Probert from the CCG and that the local GPs are fully aware of the Parish Councils views of the healthcare situation in Sowerby,

Cllr Baker was asked to establish why the No Cycling signs had not been repainted, Cllr Baker and the Clerk will chase this up with NYCC.

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6. **Reports from District Councillors:** Cllr Bardon reminded everyone about the Local Plan consultation taking place till 12th December.

7. **To discuss matters arising:**

- a. Sowerby Parish Council has 2 vacancies for co opted members, applications should be forwarded to the Clerk in the first instance with the closing date being 31st December
- b. Grass at Green Lane West has been dealt with and positive feedback from residents has been received
- c. The cheque for Thirsk Christmas Lights will be ratified at the next meeting
- d. Cllr Robson advised that the memorial park footpath would be commenced as soon as possible

8. **Planning Applications:**

see appendix i

Cllr Bardon and Cllr Beadle declared an interest in the planning application for Saxty Way. Cllr Bardon also declared an interest in the application on Belgrave Terrace as a member of planning committee.

9. **Financial Matters:**

9a Receipts None

9b To Note and Approve Payments

see appendix ii

Cllr Hoyland asked why the SGS invoice was different and Cllr Robson explained this was to cover additional work carried out in the village over and above their contractual agreement.

9c Precept

A proposed precept for 2017/8 had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

A discussion about the various headings took place, with consideration given to the potential costs of replacing office equipment and the ongoing cost of CCTV at the playpark. An explanation of Section 137 money was also given by the Chairman.

Cllr Robson proposed from the chair that the precept be set at £67,000 for 2017/18, this was seconded by Cllr Hoyland and agreed unanimously.

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council precept for 2017/2018 be set at £67,000

Cllr Baker offered his congratulations to Sowerby Parish Council for the efficient and effective way they make their precept decisions as he sees many councils and feels this way is excellent.

10. **New Agenda Items:**

3 requests for Grass Cutting tender were sent out and 2 tenders for the new season have been received. These were discussed in full.

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Resolved Sowerby Parish Council accept the tenders from SGS and CM Walker for 5 year grasscutting contract

11. Correspondence for information only

see appendix iii

12. No Reports from Sub Committees

13. Any other business that may be legally discussed

Moles on the Flatts are being dealt with

ClIr Robson will check re the new door on 1 Villa Place to establish if planning permission should have been requested

14. Date of next meeting: Thursday 8th December 2016 7.30pm followed by Chairmans Hospitality for the Festive Season

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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Appendix i Planning

Decisions		SPC Comments
Decision		
16/01233/FUL	15 Melbourne Place	Wish to see approved Granted
16/01793/FUL	Pasture House, Back Lane	Wish to see approved Granted

Applications

16/02181/FUL	Flat 3, Meadowfields Replacement of window	Wish to see approved
16/02142/FUL	20 Saxty Way Single Storey Extension	Wish to see approved
16/02086/FUL	3 Belgrave Terrace Construction of 2 Houses	Wish to see approved
16/02338/CAT	48 Topcliffe Road Tree Works	Wish to see approved

Appendix ii Finance

Balances

Community Account as 1st November 2016	£ 121,196.86
Business Saver Account Balance as 4th October 2016	£ 9,042.35

Receipts

£ 00.00

Payments

		Chq No	£	VAT
18.09.2016	NEST Standing Order Clerk Pension	n/a	72.97	

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18.10.2016	C M A Little Office Supplies	102190	49.84	
01.11.2016	Office Rent Standing Order Payment	n/a	312.00	
10.11.2016	Royal British Legion Wreaths	102191	200.00	
10.11.2016	M Robson Village Incurred Expenses	102192	90.00	
10.11.2016	R & D M Milka and P Bardon Water Charges	102193	22.00	
10.11.2016	YLCA Training	102194	100.00	
10.11.2016	Thirsk Town Council Lambert Meeting Costs	102195	146.30	
10.11.2016	R & D M Milka and P Bardon Electricity Charges	102196	8.36	
10.11.2016	North Yorkshire County Council Grit Bin	102197	75.00	15.00
10.11.2016	SGS Quarterly Maintenance	102198	345.30	69.06
10.11.2016	Telecom Yorkshire Internet Services	102199	196.84	32.81
10.11.2016	Miles Bainbridge Ground Maintenance Work	102200	160.00	
10.11.2016	C M A Little Postage	102201	28.00	
15.11.2016	C M A Little Clerk's Salary	SO	737.92	

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Appendix iii Correspondence

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

Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall meeting minutes 12th September 2016

Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation

Valuation Office Rateable Value Notification

Invitation to the HDC Parish Liaison Meeting 17th November at 7pm

Community Speedwatch Notification

Thirsk Library Steering Group Minutes 18th October

Thirst Tourist Information News

Signed:
Chairman
Date: