

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 20th December 2018

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

Also Present: Cllr Baker, 1 Member of the public, 2 representatives of Karbon Homes, a representative of North Yorkshire Police and the Clerk, Alexandra Little

1. J Saddington and S Jackson, representing Karbon Homes, attended the meeting to summarise the planning application which will be considered later in the meeting. They are keen to build affordable housing which would be managed by York housing association. A visual was presented of what the site may look like and all properties meet planning guidelines for affordable homes. The Chairman thanked the representatives for attending

No questions from members of the public

2. Apologies for Absence received and accepted from Cllrs Turner and France
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 8th November were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Bardon and seconded by Cllr Beadle
4. A police report was circulated and update was given that two suspects have been apprehended following incidents in Sowerby. Councillors were encouraged to dial 101 themselves and encourage residents to do the same, should they see anything suspicious

5. County Council Matters:

County Cllr Baker advised that additional funding had been given by the government to spend on roads. This will be done when the weather improves in the spring onwards.

He is aware of occasional issues with Blakey Bridge and clarification was given that the signage states 7 1/2 tonnes

Cllr Hoyland asked what the recent budget meant for county council and whether there will still be cuts. Cllr Baker replied that cuts will be made and the council are doing their best to enable all services to be provided

6. District Councillors:

- a. Cllrs Bardon and Robson attended planning committee as there were two applications for Sowerby Parish, a tree preservation order which was confirmed and an application for extension at Croft Gardens which was approved despite representation for refusal from the Parish Council
- b. Cllr Robson updated that cabinet had agreed to fund the sports village moving to the second phase - laying pitches, landscaping and hedgerows. There has been a delay in tarmac laying due to a cable on site, but it is expected this will be done in January. Cllr Hoyland asked if ground staff were going to be employed to maintain this during the continued build program. Cllr Robson advised that funding included a 12 month maintenance and security contract. After that the management committee should be in place and a decision will be made with regard to staffing
- c. The District Council is considering installing ground source heat pumps, at a £2.1 million investment, in their 4 leisure centres and Council offices. This will be examined further before a decision is made
- d. There has been a reduction in large vehicles to the junction works and the works are still on schedule for spring opening

Signed
Date

Chairman

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7. Matters arising from minutes

- a. Infill to the gravel at the Parochial Hall entrance will be done in spring, along with other annual roadway maintenance work
- b. The litter pick on 10th of November went well, 10 volunteers joined in and all major routes were done. Thanks were offered to all who attended and another will be organised for the spring
- c. The Clock AGM was attended by Cllrs Snowden, Robson and Bardon
- d. Cllr Hoyland asked if the footpath joining the railway station to the new development will be done soon. Cllr Robson advised that there are trigger points which will enable additional footpaths to be put in place. The link to the station will be commenced at 350 occupied houses
- e. The CCTV upgrade is underway
- f. Carols were held in the church due to the weather. Thanks were offered to Santa and all those who were involved in making refreshments, the surplus soup went to The Clock

8. Planning Applications

see appendix i

18/00573/FUL

Resolved the Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

18/02678/FUL Cllr Bardon declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion.

Cllr Robson pre-empted the discussion regarding this application by reminding councillors that this site is currently not identified in the local plan.

A discussion took place with regard to concerns that additional traffic and density of housing will be unacceptable. Cllr Hoyland commented that he understands all reasons given, however feels that PC have now opportunity to support some much needed affordable housing.

Cllr Beadle proposed this application be refused, this was seconded by Cllr Gray and carried.

Cllr Hoyland wished it be recorded that he voted against this proposal.

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application refused. Whilst they welcome affordable housing the increased volume of traffic access issues, density and overdevelopment of the site cause concern. Councillors were advised that it will be decided a planning committee as it is an unallocated site

9. Financial Matters

see appendix ii

- a. Receipts
- b. Payments

Resolved all items approved for payment

- c. Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Town - a request has been received from the Town Hall Committee for the Parish Council to support the replacement of tables and chairs. A current, competitive quote is £3900 including VAT

Cllr Robson proposed that Sowerby Parish Council purchase the tables and chairs and donate these to the town Hall. This was approved unanimously

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council purchase tables and chairs required by the town hall

- d. Festival on the Flatts, Councillor Robson proposed £500 from the chair to support the festival in 2019. This was approved unanimously

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council donate £500 to Thirsk and Sowerby Festival on the Flatts 2019

10. Correspondence for information only

see appendix iii

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11. New Agenda Items - None

12. Reports from Sub Committees

- a. Cllr Beadle reported that Festival plans are going well and the Facebook page is now up and running.
- b. Cllr Snowden advised that the AGM of the clock taken place, he felt that the team were highly qualified, were very organised, professional and were well-managed. The sales in the store in the first month took £2,500, a store manager has been appointed and they are moving to 5 day opening
- c. Councillor Foxton summarised the Town Hall Committee meeting, The defibrillator has been fitted and training will be in January. A premises licence has been received and sensor lighting has been put on in the loos
- d. Cllr Bardon advised that the Flatts Trust AGM had been undertaken
- e. Cllrs Bardon and Robson attended at the library AGM which is functioning well but is still short of volunteers

13. Any other business that may be legally discussed: None

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

The meeting closed at 20.56

Signed
Date

Chairman