

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 8th April 2021 held by Zoom

Present: Cllr M Robson (Chairman), Cllr P Bardon, Cllr T Beadle, Cllr G France, Cllr D Gray, Cllr D Hannan, Cllr S Hoyland, Cllr C Snowden, Cllr E Storm and Cllr A Turner.

Also Present: Cllr Bob Baker and the Clerk, Alexandra Little

Cllr Robson advised participants of the process that the meeting will take, via Zoom.

1. No members of the public were present.
2. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr A Jackson.
3. Minutes of the ordinary meeting Thursday 11th March 2021.

It was resolved that the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 11th March 2021 be approved. This was proposed by Cllr Hoyland and seconded by Cllr France and agreed unanimously.

4. A North Yorkshire Police report had not been received. A complainant has been in touch with the PC re inconsiderate parking on the Gateway. This has been actioned by NYP with several residents being contacted. Cllr Hannan noted there had been some damage on Saturday night and he would like to request that there is some increased police visibility in the village.
5. County Council Matters:
 - a. Cllr Baker advised that the County Council AGM will be held a week earlier, on 5th May, to allow a remote meeting to take place.
 - b. 17-21 May will be a road closure for BT to realign the services at the end of Sowerby Road.
 - c. Cllr Bardon asked Cllr Baker if he had found the cost of a mirror on Blakey Lane. Cllr Baker will look at this and may use the locality budget for this cost.
 - d. Cllr Turner offered some feedback on using the NYCC website. Cllr Baker will look into this.
 - e. Cllr Snowden asked why the water damage at the end of Front Street, which has been there for months, took so long to repair and was resolved in a short period of time. Cllr Robson has discussed this with Yorkshire Water and they will come and make good the highway.
6. District Council Matters:
 - a. Cllr Bardon advised that the planning panel continues to meet and that Cabinet and Full Council will take place on Tuesday 13th April.
 - b. Cllr Robson advised the MAD Grants will be approved next Tuesday at Cabinet. A number of organisations in the Thirsk area will benefit.
 - c. Cllr Hoyland asked if further progress had been made on recouping the district costs for COVID spend. Cllr Robson advised the district expects to be recompensed for approx 75% of the amount. Cllr Hoyland also asked what progress has been made with Taylor Wimpey and them upholding their Section 106 commitment. The play area contractor expects to have this contract any day. The money for the bus route has all been paid across to the relevant authorities but there has been a delay to the spine road and it is running 2 to 3 weeks behind.
 - d. Cllr Turner asked about the vaccination uptake in the area. Cllr Robson advised that the Local Resilience Forum will have this information and he will seek to get it.
7. Matters Arising from the minutes:
 - a. 97 homes for Broadacres has received £2.5 million from Homes England and will be making progress.
 - b. Remedial issues are being addressed in the Sports Village and track.
 - c. The collapsed drain at Town End will be done at the same time as the rest of the drainage work on Topcliffe Road.

Signed

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- d. A notice will be done to put on both gates to advise residents that the council are growing wildflower seeds on Blakey Lane.
- e. Jasmine Harrison has accepted the freewoman of the village and a presentation will be organised at a time to suit her. Wording is being agreed for the blue plaque.
- f. The quote for the steps at the slide is very high and the contractor has advised that the steps are not necessary. Additional quotes will be sought. There has been some damage to the bucket swing at the play area and it has been removed for safety reasons. The Clerk is looking at a replacement for this. Cllr France would also like the surface under the side to side swing to be checked as this is damaged.

8. Planning Applications

New planning applications were discussed and decisions noted. see appendix i

It was resolved that the Clerk feedback comments to the planning department

9. Financial Matters

- a. Receipts and Payments see appendix ii
- b. No receipts to note

It was resolved that all payments be approved

10. Correspondence

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

- a. Oxmoor contractors submitted an amended quote for updating the roadways. Cllr Hoyland asked if the footpath between Topcliffe Road and Sowerby Road be topped up with gravel. It was agreed that this will not be done at this time.
- b. NYCC advise that they will only cut splays under Urban Grass Cutting arrangements and £700 will be paid to Sowerby for 2021 season.
- c. A Tree Protection Order TPO 10 has been confirmed as an unopposed order.

11. Reports from Sub Committees

- a. The Town Hall has confirmed A Little as the permanent secretary to the Town Hall, congratulations and thanks were offered for the work she has done in the last 10 months. The LED Lighting upgrade has been completed and the main hall will be redecorated following this. The Town Hall has also become members of Thirsk Business Association. Cllr Hannan asked if a Union Flag could be flown at all times, this can be flown with agreement of the trustees.
- b. Cllr Snowden reported that there has been a trustees meeting for Community Works and it was reported that funding is becoming increasingly difficult as COVID recovery is in the forefront of the funding providers minds. It is hoped that the furniture shop will produce an income stream and a van has been purchased to assist with this.

12. Any other business

- a. Cllr Jackson had looked at the flowers which have bloomed on Front Street and he has taken photos of gaps where bulbs can be planted in the Autumn.
- b. A memorial bench has been noted as being under repair for several months and there is concern for the safety of residents. Cllr Robson will address this.

13. Date of next meeting: Thursday 13th May 2021 at 7.30pm, this will be the Annual Meeting in person at the Town Hall. Please send reports to the Clerk in advance of the meeting. The meeting closed at 8.32 pm

Signed
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Appendix i Planning

21/00571/FUL

Proposed alterations, extension[s] & construction of detached timber garage.
Nebb House, Croft Heads, Sowerby

21/00694/FUL

Application for alterations and repairs to property. Demolition of redundant roofless garage. New bi-fold gates to rear yard. Demolish existing conservatory and replace with new traditionally constructed structure with roof windows and aluminium bi-fold doors. New timber fence to southern and western boundaries
1 Sowerby Terrace, Sowerby, YO7 1HT

It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wishes to see these applications approved

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