

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 19th December 2019

9Present: Cllrs Robson, Bardon, Beadle, France, Gray, Hannan, Hoyland, Snowden, Storm and Turner.

Also Present: Three members of the public, a representative of North Yorkshire Police, County Cllr R Baker and the Clerk, Alexandra Little

1. No matters from Members of the public
2. Apologies for Absence received and accepted from Cllr Chapman
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 14th November were approved.

4. Co Option of a Parish Councillor

A valid application for co option had been received. Cllr Robson proposed David Hannan as a co-opted councillor, seconded by Cllr Turner and all were in favour.

Resolved D Hannan be co opted to Sowerby Parish Council

Mr Hannan completed an acceptance of office and Register of Interest and joined the meeting.

5. NYP report was presented. This report is representative of the area as a whole and there are varied crimes reported under each heading

6. County Council Matters:

Cllr Baker reported that the overgrown hedge reported on Topcliffe Road had been cut back in part. The A Board at the Institute is still causing issues and Cllr Baker will follow this up at Highways.

Cllr France asked if the bus stop and timetable outside St Oswalds could be moved to the location at which it is now used. This is confusing to parishioners who are waiting for buses in the wrong place.

Also the question as to whether Thirsk Library could help residents apply for a blue badge was raised. Cllr Baker will check this and report back.

7. District Councillors:

- a. Cllr Bardon advised that the green bin license can now be renewed.
- b. The Council Tax reduction scheme will change from 01/04/2020 so there is no period of discount as an incentive to encourage property owners to have properties occupied quickly
- c. The former Lambert Hospital schedule is on track as utilities are being separated and it will then be passed to Herriott Hospice for them to complete renovations
- d. The Crematorium plans are being drawn up and Cllr Robson expects a planning application in Spring 2020
- e. The cut off for applications for the Making a Difference Grant is 13th January 2020

8. Matters Arising from the minutes

- a. Application for housing on Back Lane is now live and the Parish Council will hold a meeting to review this on 14th January
- b. The Vehicle Activated Sign has arrived and will be erected once insurance cover is confirmed
- c. Allotments have been offered to 18 residents and 16 have signed up. Some costs are expected for sundries. There is an amount of standing water, due to the compacting of the soil, so a subsoiler will be used to dig over the patch when it has dried sufficiently in the spring
- d. A planning site visit took place at the path on Ash Court and comments were submitted to the planning department to reflect that the Parish Council wished the planning officers to make their decision based on the original masterplan from 2011

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9. Planning Applications

- a. 19/02617/CAT Cllr Bardon declared an interest in the application and took no part in the discussion. Cllr Robson commented that the application stated it was to allow emergency access - this is incorrect. The only access has been via Melbourne Place, which refuse collections lorries are able to use and turn around, so this poses no issue to emergency services accessing the site.

Resolved Sowerby Parish council wish to see this application refused

- b. 19/02553/FUL
Construction of attached 3 bedroom dwelling Smith Terrace, Chapel Street, Thirsk
- c. 19/02617/CAT
Proposed work to Flowering Cherry tree 182 Front Street, Sowerby
- d. 19/02611/MRC
Application for modification of Condition 2 Construction of a toilet block Thirsk Garden Centre
- e. 19/02546/FUL
Change of use for the operation of a minibus service operating centre Thirsk Rural Business Centre
- f. 19/02363/FUL
Single and two storey side extensions and installation of platform lift 4 Green Lane East Sowerby
- g. 19/02558/FUL
Replacement of cast iron guttering to the front elevation of the dwelling 24 South Terrace Sowerby
Cllr Hoyland declared an interest in this application

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see the applications b-g above approved.

Clerk to feed back comments to the planning department

10. Financial Matters

see appendix i

- a. Receipts
- b. Payments

Resolved all payments be approved, with the addition of the invoice from SWARCO for the VAS which is imminent

- c. Two quotes for work to trees in Dondeen, Blakey Lane, Worlds End and the Town Hall have been received and an estimate to replace a piece of play equipment at Dondeen Avenue. These were discussed.

Resolved both items are accepted and work to be undertaken as soon as possible, Clerk to advise contractors

11. Correspondence for information only

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

Thanks for donation for Christmas Lights appeal
Quote for replacement seesaw at Freemans Way Play Area
Town Hall Minutes

12. Reports from Sub Committees

- a. Cllr France advised that a caretaker had been appointed and the folding partition in the annex was to be serviced and repaired
- b. The Flatts Preservation Trust AGM has taken place

13. Any Other Business

- a. Cllr Hoyland advised that Thirsk Town Council are replacing interpretation boards in the town

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- b. Cllr Hoyland updated councillors that planning applications in Article 4 are no longer free. Cllr Robson advised that district councillors had not been made aware of these changes and that the information would be circulated and it would be raised at the next Parish Liaison meeting
- c. Cllr Turner reported that bins are being left out again on Chapel Street
- d. Cllr Gray advised that he had been looking into grant funding to undertake a wildlife garden project in land adjacent to the Pines, this will be revisited in Spring

14. Date of next meetings:

Extraordinary Meeting Tuesday 14th January 2020 7.00pm in the Parochial Church Hall

Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council 13th February 2020 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.33

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Appendix i Finance

December	Description	Method	£	VAT	Total
01.12.19	Barclays Current Account Balance				£60,736.47
01.12.19	Yorkshire Bank Account 1				£21,866.00
01.12.19	Yorkshire Bank Account 2				£20,000.00
Receipts					
04.12.19	Flatts Trust Grass Cutting Contribution		£690.66		£690.66
12.12.19	NYCC Wildflower Grant		£600.00		£600.00
12.12.19	NYCC Grant paid to SPC in error		£1,000.00		£1,000.00
16.12.19	Thirsk Town Council Grass Cutting Contribution		£690.66		£690.66
Payments					
20.11.19	T Imeson Christmas Trees Thirsk School and Village	102537	£850.00	£0.00	£850.00
21.11.19	I Barwick Remembrance PA System	102538	£210.00	£0.00	£210.00
21.11.19	Royal British Legion Remembrance Food and Band	102539	£275.60	£0.00	£275.60
22.11.19	Goodechip Play Area Chippings	102540	£300.00	£15.00	£315.00
22.11.19	C M A Little Thirsk School Senior Citizens Party Drinks and Allotment Meeting Refreshments	102541	£275.60	£0.00	£275.60
01.12.19	R & DM Milka and P Bardon Office Rent	SO	£329.34	£0.00	£329.34
05.12.19	Repayment of NYCC Grant paid in error	102542	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
06.12.19	P Miles Manual Work at Allotment Site	102543	£149.97	£0.00	£149.97
07.12.19	Quickline IT Remote Working WIFI	SO	£24.99	£5.00	£29.99
07.12.19	Nest Clerk Pension	DDM	£96.66	£0.00	£96.66
15.12.19	Clerk Salary	SO	£711.86	£0.00	£711.86
19.12.19	Thirsk Royal British Legion Band Donation for Carol Service	102544	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
19.12.19	Town Hall Annex Meeting Room Hire	102545	£62.70	£0.00	£62.70
19.12.19	S Tomlinson Playground Works	102546	£80.00	£0.00	£80.00
19.12.19	Oxmoor Building and Joinery Gravel on village pathways	102547	£815.00	£0.00	£815.00
19.12.19	Newtons Legal Work Allotment	102548	£1,843.00	£360.00	£2,203.00
19.12.19	North Yorkshire County Council Grit Bin Refill	102549	£75.00	£15.00	£90.00
Summary	Monthly Expenditure		£7,149.72	£395.00	£7,544.72
Balances	Barclays				£56,173.07
	Yorkshire Bank No1				£21,866.00
	Yorkshire Bank No2				£20,000.00
	Total				£98,039.07

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