

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 14th November 2019

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

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

1. Members of the public raised the following matters
 - a. Concern was raised about the consultation for development of houses on Back Lane, considering this to be inadequate. Cllr Robson advised that there is no live application for this site currently and once one is received he will call a meeting for the public to attend and share their views
 - b. Traffic on Blakey Lane was discussed and comments will be passed to Area 2 via Cllr Baker
 - c. Thanks were offered for the new signs on School Garth
 - d. Thanks to Cllrs Robson and Bardon for attending the Sowerby Gateway Residents meeting and to the Parish Council for providing bulbs as this planting was a great community exercise
 - e. Several attendees raised concerns about the planning application to remove a footpath at Ash Court and urged the Parish Council to consider the impact of this on local residents. Cllr Robson advised that this will be discussed under planning applications
2. Apologies for Absence received and accepted from Cllrs Chapman and Turner
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 10th October were approved, subject to a minor grammatical amendment and signed as a correct record
4. NYP report was presented in a new format. Cllr Hoyland asked if figures were above average for the area but NYP advised that will take a few months to identify any significant changes in crime patterns as the data is organised differently
Cllr Gray advised that the parking incident reported previously is recurring, NYP to observe this
5. County Council Matters:
Cllr Baker reported that he was privileged to be part of the Remembrance Service in Sowerby and Thirsk. The Wildflower grant application for £600 has been accepted and the funds will be requested by the Clerk
6. District Councillors:
 - a. Cllr Robson thanks all residents and councillors for their involvement in bulb planting and reported a positive residents meeting which he and Cllr Bardon attended on Sowerby Gateway
 - b. Making A Difference grant has been released and organisations are encouraged to apply for a percentage of the £25,000 available to the Thirsk and Sowerby area
7. Matters Arising from the minutes
 - a. A design is being produced for improvements to the leisure centre and a public consultation will take place in due course. Car park monitoring is still in place and this has had a positive impact
 - b. Herriot Hospice is actively looking for volunteers to help with their work as they prepare to take over the former Lambert hospital building
 - c. New posts have been put in place for the vehicle activated sign (VAS) and Check Your Speed signs situated on these until the VAS arrives

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- d. Allotment deeds have been sent to the Land Registry and Sowerby Parish Council is now responsible for these. Places have been offered to the first 18 residents on the waiting list
- e. Blakey Lane shrubs have been cut back
- f. Cllr Baker will report the A board blocking the pavement near the cinema

- 8. Planning Applications see appendix i
 - a. 19/022401/FUL

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

- b. 19/02176/CLE

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

- c. 19/02178/FUL

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council Clerk to feedback comments to planning department

- d. 19/002243/FUL Councillors will meet on site to review the details of this application

- 9. Financial Matters see appendix ii
 - a. Receipts
 - b. Payments

Resolved all payments be approved

- c. To agree Parish Precept 2020/2021

Discussion took place regarding current spend and anticipated costs in 2020/2021. Cllr Robson proposed £76,000, this was seconded by Cllr Hoyland and approved unanimously

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council precept be set at £76,000 for the financial year 2020/2021

- d. A donation for the 2020 Festival on the Flatts has been requested and discussed, £500 proposed by Cllr Robson and seconded by Cllr Gray, agreed unanimously

Resolved £500 be donated to Thirsk & Sowerby Festival on the Flatts

- 10. Correspondence for information only

Cllr Turner had emailed regarding the state of the last grass cut at the play area and Memorial Park, Cllr Robson had addressed this with the contractor. Cllr Turner also commented on the excellent turnout for the Remembrance Service and that he considered the security on the Leisure Centre Car Park to be a great success

- 11. Reports from Sub Committees

- a. Cllr France summarised the recent meeting of the Town Hall Committee, interviews are taking place for a replacement caretaker in the coming week
- b. Cllr Snowden advised that The Clock are using a shop to manage a Pop Up store for small businesses to hire tables for a day

- 12. Any Other Business

- a. A boards at Fantinos seems to be left out overnight, this will be looked into
- b. There will be a night time closure for re-lining at the new junction slip road

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- c. A volunteer was requested to join the Festival Committee
- d. Cllr France agreed to represent the Parish Council on the Thirsk and Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity
- e. Carols Around Tree will take place on 17th December

13. Date of next meeting Thursday 12th December 2019 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.40

Appendix i Planning

19/02240/FUL

Construction of an agricultural building for the storage of machinery and dry crops, improved field access and the construction of a timber fence and metal field gate
Rose Cottage, Moor End Lane, Islebeck, Sowerby

19/02243/FUL

Application to remove an existing asphalt footpath from open space
Land To The West Of 5 Ash Court, Sowerby

19/02176/CLE

Retrospective application for Installation of 2 Biomass boilers including all associated services commissioned early 2014
Boiler 1 - 995kW installed in an existing building. Boiler 2 - 199kW self contained free standing unit
Earley Ornamentals Limited, York Road, Thirsk

19/02178/FUL

Change of use of land from agriculture to the siting of 10 static caravans
OS Field 2558, South Moor Lane, Sowerby

Appendix ii Finance

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November	Description	Payment Method	£	VAT	Total
01.11.19	Barclays Current Account Balance				£68,918.34
01.11.19	Yorkshire Bank Account 1				£21,866.00
01.11.19	Yorkshire Bank Account 2				£20,000.00
Receipts					
28.10.2019	CIL Payment		£643.50	£0.00	£643.50
Payments					
24.10.19	CMA Little Printer Ink and Stamps	102528	53.13	0.00	53.13
24.10.19	E Hullah Flowers for Town End	102529	50.00	0.00	50.00
01.11.19	R & DM Milka and P Bardon Office Rent	SO	£329.34	£0.00	£329.34
06.11.19	BT Phone and Internet	SO	£210.62	£0.00	£210.62
07.11.19	Quickline IT Remote Working WIFI	SO	£24.99	£5.00	£29.99
07.11.19	Nest Clerk Pension	DDM	£96.66	£0.00	£96.66
14.11.19	S Tomlinson Playground Works	102530	£90.00	£0.00	£90.00
14.11.19	HMRC	102531	£764.92	£0.00	£764.92
14.11.19	CE & CM Walker Grasscutting Inv	102532	£996.00	£199.20	£1,195.20
14.11.19	PKF Littlejohn Annual Audit Fees	102533	£380.00	£76.00	£456.00
14.11.19	Royal British Legion Wreaths	102534	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00
14.11.19	Pennine Playgrounds Replacement Cables	102535	£350.64	£70.13	£420.77
14.11.19	SGS Additional Work October	102536	£431.00	£86.20	£517.20
15.11.19	Clerk Salary	SO	£711.86	£0.00	£711.86
Summary	Monthly Expenditure		£4,639.16	£436.53	£5,075.69
Balances	Barclays				£64,486.15
	Yorkshire Bank No1				£21,866.00
	Yorkshire Bank No2				£20,000.00
	Total				£106,352.15

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