

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 12th September 2019

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

Also Present: Five members of the public, a representative of North Yorkshire Police and the Clerk, Alexandra Little

1. A member of the public raised concerns about the lack of progress and collaborative work between all stakeholders on the Sowerby Gateway site. A footpath has been removed, no play area is forthcoming and tree planting has not been done.

Cllr Robson advised that the footpath is being looked into by Hambleton District Councils enforcement officer who is liaising with Broadacres. An equipped play area is to be placed in the vicinity of Linden Homes show house in due course. Re planting of trees, this is a matter between the developers and the management company who currently maintains the open spaces on the gateway site.

Another resident asked the Parish Council whether it was appropriate for the District Council to loan a private house builder £35 million. Cllr Robson advised that this was a commercial loan to a Housing Provider, not a private developer and it this was a commercial matter for the district council. The same residents letter was placed under correspondence (10) for consideration.

2. Apologies for Absence received and accepted from Cllrs Chapman and Turner.
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 11th July and the extraordinary planning meeting on 12th August were approved and signed as a correct record.

4. NYP report was presented. Cycling on the footpaths was reported again and discussion took place about increased police presence at Thirsk School which is to increase awareness of safe parking.

5. County Council Matters:

Cllr Baker updated that the drain surveys were now complete and the major works required on Topcliffe Road would be scheduled into 2020/2021 works programme. Cllr Baker also confirmed that Sowerby Parish Council would receive £500 from his environmental locality budget towards the cost of bulbs and wildflower seeds.

Resolved Clerk to complete application to request £500 from locality budget

6. District Councillors:

- a. Cllr Bardon reported that the Parish Liaison meeting was well attended. Scrutiny Committee were looking at the district recycling programme which is excellent, having only 3% contamination rate. Planning Committee had approved 97 affordable homes on Sowerby Gateway and the school application will be determined in September.
- b. Cllr Robson updated of the process for the Herriot Hospice modification of the former Lambert Hospital. The building will be gifted but a covenant will be put in place to ensure the building is always retained for community use. The District Council also plans to build a crematorium in the district and an area has been identified for use which will be advised in due course.

7. Matters arising from the minutes

- a. Local plan - there has been concern raised over a site on Back Lane, this has been within the previous local plan and there is no planning application for this site currently
- b. Phase one of the Northallerton Prison Site starts on Monday 16th September

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- c. A location for wildflowers was suggested as Miss Warners Field, subject to Flatts Preservation Trust approval. Residents on Sowerby Gateway have been asked to suggest areas for bulbs to be planted
- d. A rail user group meeting will be held w/b 16th Sept
- e. The Dog Warden has been asked to make extra patrols of Memorial Park
- f. Thirsk Festival was well attended and Cllr Beadle will provide further information after the debrief

Cllr Baker left the meeting at 20.22

8. Planning Applications

- a. 19/01861/FUL Alterations and refurbishment of existing conservatory to 3 Mowbray Place, Sowerby
Cllrs Snowden and Hoyland declared an interest in the application

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

- b. 19/01037/REM Reserved matters application for the approval of details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in relation to the development of the primary school on the allocated school site Land East of Topcliffe Road And South of Gravel Hole Lane

Cllr Bardon declared an interest in this application as Chairman of the Planning Committee

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved, subject to the planning department securing appropriate amendments to the plans for drop off/parking arrangements

Resolved Sowerby Parish Council Clerk to feedback comments to planning department

9. Financial Matters

see appendix ii

- a. Receipts
- b. Payments

Resolved all payments be approved

- c. Ratify Works to Trees in Front Street, following Health and Safety Survey estimated at £5875

Resolved cost of tree works be accepted and paid once work is completed

- d. An approximate cost for the Vehicle Activated Sign with associated fittings, battery and software will be £6000. Four sites have been identified, in conjunction with North Yorkshire Highways Department, giving 8 possible positions for use to deter drivers from speeding in the area. These are intended as a starting point and can be added to at any time. Councillors will be trained how to move/locate the signs in due course. Cllr Robson proposed this purchase be made, this was seconded by Cllr France and agreed unanimously

Resolved Clerk arrange for Vehicle Activated Sign and associated items be purchased

10. Correspondence for information only

see appendix iii

Discussion took place regarding a letter from a resident requesting the Parish Council call a public meeting to review Broadacres and Hambleton District Council activities. Councillors agreed that they do not wish to call a meeting for this purpose as it is a matter for the District Council not the Parish.

11. Reports from Sub Committees:

Cllr France presented a report from the Town Hall Committee.

Cllr Gray gave feedback on the Parish Liaison Meeting and commented that Dr Dunbar and the team at the Friarage were clearly very passionate about keeping the Friarage open.

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12. Any other business that may be legally discussed

- a. Legal work for the allotment lease is with our solicitor for review and the first 18 residents on the waiting list will be offered a plot, subject to terms and conditions, within the next month. The site will be cleared of weeds prior to occupation
- b. There is an obstruction in the form of an A Board which makes passing difficult at the end of the Flatts Footpath. This will be reported to highways.

13. Date of next meeting Thursday 10th October 2019 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.54

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Appendix i Planning

Applications

19/01037/REM

Reserved matters application for the approval of details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale in relation to the development of the primary school on the allocated school site

Land East Of Topcliffe Road And South Of Gravel Hole Lane Topcliffe Road, Sowerby

19/01861/FUL

Replacement of existing UPVC conservatory with a single storey extension. Brick Construction with polycarbonate "warm roof" with slate effect. Bi-fold doors

3 Mowbray Place Sowerby North Yorkshire YO7 1RF

Decisions

SPC

19/01501/FUL

Demolition existing detached garage and construction of replacement Granted WTSA

19/00952/FUL Proposed development for the construction of 97 affordable dwellings Granted WTSA
including access, open space, landscaping, SuDS and associated infrastructure
Land Off Topcliffe Road Sowerby

Appendix ii Receipts and Payments

Receipts					
01.09.19	Nil				0.00
Payments					
01.09.19	R & DM Milka and P Bardon Office Rent	SO	329.34	0.00	329.34
07.09.19	Quickline IT Remote Working WIFI	SO	29.99	0.00	29.99
07.09.19	Nest Clerk Pension	DDM	96.66	0.00	96.66
12.09.19	S Tomlinson Playground Works	102511	60.00	0.00	60.00
12.09.19	CE & CM Walker Grasscutting Inv 19211	102512	996.00	199.20	1,195.20
12.09.19	CE & CM Walker Grasscutting Inv 19266	102513	996.00	199.20	1,195.20
12.09.19	Hambleton District Council Election Expenses	102514	100.00	0.00	100.00
12.09.19	Solutions Now	102515	55.00	11.00	66.00
12.09.19	SGS Additional Works July/August	102516	275.00	55.00	330.00
12.09.19	Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Roof Repairs Half Share	102517	450.00	0.00	450.00
15.09.19	Clerk Salary	SO	711.86	0.00	711.86
Summary					
	Monthly Expenditure		4,099.85	464.40	4,564.25

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Appendix iii Correspondence

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

Reply from Highways re Drains on Topcliffe Road

Town Hall Reports 08.07.19 and 09.09.19

Remembrance Day Service Schedule

Letter from Mr P Smith

Crematorium Press release HDC

Parish Liaison Meeting Minutes

COntirmation of compliance with Pension Regulator Requirements

Signed
Date

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