

TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 9th January, 2017 in the Victory Hall at 7 pm.

Item 1 – Apologies – None

Present were Councillors Kevin Overs (Chairman), Martyn Cannon (Vice Chairman), Caryl Prior Varty, Angela Mathers and Jonathan Richardson together with Major JHC Sawrey Cookson (District Councillor) Gary Strong (County Councillor) William Cleasby (Trustee of Parish Houses) and two parishioners.

Item 2 – Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th November, 2016 be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

At this stage in the meeting it was decided to address the present position in relation to the Parish Houses:

1 Crossfell View – Repairs to the boiler have recently been carried out and after discussion it was decided to ensure that an annual service is carried out if the tenant is not already doing so.

2 Crossfell View – The tenant reported that a Monday would be the best day for them when the fans can be installed to combat the condensation problems. Kevin will liaise with the electrician. The tenant also mentioned that the step at the front door was causing problems in that it is not deep enough – it was agreed that we would ask Stephen Bradley to look at this when he carries out the proposed work on the chimneys. Kevin will check.

3 Crossfell View – The tenant is perfectly happy and has no issues. The kitchen has been fitted by the tenant and all is complete – it was mentioned that if the electrics, especially with the cooker, has been altered, have all the necessary checks been carried out. – Clerk to check.

Item 3 – Requests for Dispensation - None

Declarations of Interests – None

Item 4 – Adjournment of the meeting

Mr Chris Starr, a specialist in tree management, has agreed to assist Mr Chris Rush with the Tree Management Plan, in consultation with the Parish Council. Chris Starr gave his overall view and agreed to come back to the May meeting with his various options.

Item 5 - Chairman will report on matters from last minutes, not listed on agenda.

The loss of the 563 Bus Service was discussed; it was reported that provision for this school term has been made for the school children travelling to Penrith. Contact with the Appleby Transport Group is also being maintained.

Major Sawrey Cookson said that legally EDC cannot subscribe to the bus service.

Septic tank down the Moss at Temple Sowerby – The Clerk informed UU that the lane down to the Moss area and where the septic tank is situated is Common Land. UU have obtained a copy of the Common Land Register (Moss - CL130), therefore, consent under Section 38 of the Commons Act 2006 will be required for certain works but the minor works that are required to improve the facility

do not require consent. After discussion it was resolved that we would invite UU to a future meeting.

It was reported that the website gets about 30/40 visits a day and is running a photographic competition, details on the website. There is a problem with the email address which will be investigated.

Grass cutting contract – Kevin and Clerk to finalize specification, William Cleasby and Chris Rush will prepare a plan of the greens and an advert to be inserted in the local paper stating that quotes to be in by the end of February in time to be discussed and decided at the March meeting.

It was agreed that we would discuss the clearance of the Moss at the March meeting.

Emergency Community Plan – Caryl agreed to include in the TSTimes an article to obtain a voluntary contacts list etc in order to get a plan in place.

Item 6 – Parking on the old A66

It was reported that two councillors have again been confronted by a parishioner that, in his opinion, parking and blocking driveways on the old A66 is causing a danger in the village. Our County Councillor suggested that we report this to David Spence at the Skirsgill Depot of the Highways Department. We will then let the parishioner have a copy of the reply.

Item 7 – Planning Matters

No plans have been received since the last meeting.

Our response to the proposed Electronic Planning Consultation was submitted to CALC before 30th November as requested, stating that we support the idea of a paperless planning system providing we could request paper copies if we had a good reason. We did, however, state that a projector for every Council is a ridiculous way to deal with the issue; it would be cumbersome and a total waste of resources. Clerk reported that CALC are still chasing some councils and after submitting to EDC will get back in touch.

Item 8 – Village Greens, Playarea, Trees etc.

Tree Management Plan was discussed earlier to facilitate a parishioner who came solely to discuss this.

Phase 2 of the car parking area to the East of the Churchyard has been completed, giving further parking spaces and Martyn Cannon was thanked for organising this.

Gary Strong was also thanked for allocating a £2000 grant from the LMS Scheme, towards this project.

Gary Strong CCC has a little funding available – possibilities could be the Victory Hall.

Item 9 – Accounts and Financial Report including budget update.

Income:	1, 2 & 3 Crossfell View – Dec & Jan	£ 1468.32
	Cumbria County Council – Grant	2000.00
	HofEDT – Distribution of Funds	168.05
	Electricity NW – Wayleave	19.05

Expenses:	14.11.16 TSVH – Hire of Hall	60.00
	13.12.16 – Walker Oil Heating Services	225.90
	14.12.16 CVS Salary & Admin charges (Sept – Dec)	£ 1765.73

Balances:	Community Acc (31.12.16)	£ 7481.58
	Business Money Manager Account (31.12.16)	£ 4797.15
	PBS Maypole Acc (31.12.16)	£ 1166.00
	PBS Parish Houses Acc (31.12.16)	£ 3091.56

Cheques to authorize –

Dinsdale (Parking Spaces)	£ 4885.80
Walker Oil Heating Services	£ 225.90
Sundries incl new rope for Maypole	£ 95.64

It was resolved that the Precept would not be increased, therefore, £7,500.00 to be requested for 2017/18.

A contribution towards establishing a bus service in place of the 563, in conjunction with the Appleby Transport Group was discussed and it was agreed that £2.00 per household in the parish, amounting to £400 could be available.

Item 10 – Correspondence

All correspondence received since the last meeting has been circulated.

Since receiving the new policy for the SID Kevin reported that the position used last time at the West end of the village does not comply with the new policy and after discussion it was agreed to alter the position to the other side of the road

Clerk to make further enquiries regarding ‘Record of Village architecture in Eden at the turn of the Millennium’.

Following recent emails and after discussion it was agreed that we cannot be responsible to arrange for volunteers to carry out repairs to footpath at Eden Bank.

Clerk reported that Andrew Stables has cleared a way through the moss.

Kevin has carried out the repairs to the gate leading to the Moss and was thanked.

The Chairman read out a letter announcing that the Clerk is retiring.

Item 11 – Date of next meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone present and announced that the next meeting will be Monday 6th March at 7 pm.

Signed Date

