

TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 6th March, 2017 in the Victory Hall at 7 pm.

Item 1 – Apologies

Mr Gary Strong (County Councillor)

Present were Councillors Kevin Overs (Chairman), Martyn Cannon (Vice Chairman), Caryl Prior Varty, Angela Mathers and Jonathan Richardson together with the newly appointed Clerk Caroline Fennell, Major JHC Sawrey Cookson (District Councillor), William Cleasby (Trustee of the Parish Houses), David Whipp (Prospective Conservative Candidate) and four parishioners.

Item 2 – Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th January, 2017, be accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Item 3 – Requests for Dispensation – None

Declaration of Interests – None

Item 4 – Adjournment of the meeting

A parishioner gave a summary of the proposed planning application 17/0034 to convert the Barn NE of Counting House into 4 dwellings and offered to help with the delivery of leaflets to each household in the parish prior to the extraordinary meeting. After a full discussion it was explained that, for this type of application, it is not the policy of the Parish Council to deliver leaflets and in this instance it would set a precedent, at the same time stating that the PC could not prevent the parishioners from delivering leaflets.

563 Bus Service – Following the loss of this service the Friends of the Eden Valley Transport group have approved a Constitution and members are approaching operators to analyze a full service. Chris Rush will keep the PC informed.

Item 5 – Chairman to report on matters from last minutes, not listed on agenda.

The Clerk reported that a letter had been sent to David Spence at Skirsgill Depot of the Highways regarding a complaint about parking on the old A66; we have had no response and it was resolved that we should follow this through.

Item 6 – Parish Houses and Parish Land

The chimney on No 1 Crossfell View has been rebuilt and the chimney at No 2 Crossfell View has been pointed where necessary.

The tenants at No 2 Crossfell View asked if alterations to the step at the front door could be carried out – this to be investigated.

It was agreed that a rent review of the parish houses should be included on the agenda for the May meeting.

A Gas Certificate has been received from the tenant of No 3 Crossfell View.

Following a discussion it was resolved that the rents for the Parish Lands will not be increased this year.

Item 7 – Planning Matters

Planning Application No 17/0034 for Mr JP & WH Terry – Outline Application to convert Barn NE of Counting House into 4 dwellings. Due to the full agenda and the fact that we were informed that there would be several parishioners wishing to express their views it was decided to hold an extraordinary meeting on 9th March 2017.

Planning App No 16/1116 – The applicants, Mr & Mrs Wills wished to explain to the PC that they have been into the EDC offices to address the various conditions related to this application; the drainage has been passed by United Utilities, windows have been altered to comply with environmental issues and that they are co-operating with the case officer. Following the discussion a parishioner suggested that the PC withdraw the objection in order that the application could be dealt with under Delegated Powers but this was rejected saying that a letter could be submitted saying that the PC do not wish to raise any further objections, leaving it to EDC to make a decision on the basis of our previous observations and that the latest amendments are met and let the application take its course.

At this stage Mr David Whipp, the prospective Conservative Candidate in place of Gary Strong introduced himself stating that he is the present Chairman of Penrith Town Council and would offer his support if elected at the local elections on 4th May.

Item 8 – Village Greens, Playarea, Trees etc.

Grass Cutting Contract – The Clerk presented a summary of the four quotations received and because Ross Watson's quote for Countryside Grounds Maintenance is much less than the others, Martyn Cannon agreed to contact Mr Watson to ask various questions about the company, relay the outcome to the Councillors who would then inform the Clerk whether to accept their quotation. The second option would be Mark Binney's quote.

Councillors Kevin Overs and Angela Mathers together with the Clerk met a delegation from United Utilities regarding the on going problems with the old septic tank down the Moss lane and it was reported that improvements will be carried out over the next few months but all access will be by foot (no heavy vehicles) and we will be kept informed at each stage.

It was also reported that the Moss area will be kept cleared by Andrew Stables and James Callow.

Item 9 – Accounts and Financial Report including budget update.

Income:	1,2, & 3 Crossfell View – Feb & March	£ 1468.32
Expenses:	09.1.17 CALC – Course Fees	29.50
	31.1.17 The Herald – Advert	16.20
Balances:	Community Account	£ 3715.91
	Business Money Manager Account	4797.15
	PBS Maypole Account	1166.00
	PBS Parish Houses Account	3091.56

Cheques to authorize:

Caryl Prior Varty (Adverts in Herald)	77.40
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It was agreed that a discussion on the possible transfer of funds to the Parish Houses Account at Penrith Building Society will take place at the May meeting.

Item 10 – Correspondence

All correspondence received since the last meeting has been circulated.

It was discussed and agreed that the names on the Parish Council land, registered with the Land Registry should now be the Chairman – Kevin Ian Overs and the new Clerk Caroline Fennell.

A letter has been received regarding the access at Greengarth; Councillor Richardson will outline an appropriate reply.

A CD has been received on the village architecture in 1900 and Councillor Mathers explained that the information is now on our website.

The new Clerk sat in on the meeting and was asked if she wished to continue the PAYE with CVS – Caroline will speak to her Accountant and report back on her decision.

Caroline’s Contract of Employment is being finalized but it was agreed that we should copy her into the emails as from now.

Caroline agreed to attend the Clerk’s Induction Courses – this to be registered with CALC together with registering an interest on the Common Land and Village Green Course.

An arrangement was made for Caroline to have a session in order to take over the work of the Clerk.

Item 11 – Date of next meeting

The Chairman thanked everyone present and announced that the next meeting which will include the Annual Meetings will be on Tuesday 9th May at 7 pm.

Signed Date