

# TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 in the Victory Hall at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Kevin Overs (KO), Angela Mathers (AM), Jonathan Richardson (JR), Caryl Varty (CV), District Councillor Sawrey-Cookson (HSC) and County Councillor David Whipp. Also present was Caroline Fennell (Clerk) together with 10 parishioners.

**Item 1 – Apologies** –Martyn Cannon (MC)

**Item 2 – Minutes**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**Item 3 – Requests for Dispensation** – None

**Declarations of Interests** – None

**Item 4 – Adjournment of Meeting**

No items raised

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

- The abandoned vehicles have now been removed from the village. Thanks to Chris Rush who assisted in communications with EDC to enable this.
- A66 resurfacing works started last weekend and are expected to last 7 weeks

**Item 6 – Devolution of Assets**

## **I. Footway Lighting**

- The Clerk updated councillors on the current situation with EDC and that should the council choose to take on any agreed lights, the contract needs to be returned to EDC before the 30<sup>th</sup> September. Discussion was held between councillors of the viability and cost effectiveness of taking on the agreed lights. Alternative lighting solutions were also discussed. Due to the fact that 3 of the 5 agreed lights are located in the Croft Place area of the village, one of which already benefits from separate lights, and only 2 of the agreed lights were located in the old part of the village, with one at either end of the

Green, it was undecided as to whether these lights would be of any great benefit to parishioners. As such a vote was held, with two councillors voting to take on the agreed lights and two voting not to. The chairman held the casting vote, and it was therefore decided that TSPC would not take on the agreed lights at this stage. CF to inform EDC of this but to request that TSPC are consulted prior to the decommissioning of any of the lights with a view to having an option of taking them on then.

## **Item 7 – Parish Houses & Land**

- CF informed councillors that discussion had been underway with tenants to arrange for the EPC's to be carried out. Two tenants had responded with possible dates, CF to chase final tenant and confirm EPC with Martin Overy.

## **Item 8 – Planning Matters**

- Planning Application 18/0523 – *Land to the rear of Temple Sowerby Medical Centre – Variation of condition (plans compliance)*
- Planning Application 18/0034 – *Land to rear of temple Sowerby Medical Centre – siting of temporary sales cabin – CONDITIONS IMPOSED*
- Planning Application 18/0395 – *Victory Memorial Hall –Alterations and repairs to elevations - GRANTED*
- Planning Application 18/0290 – *2 Sunnybank – Extension to current kitchen using conservatory footprint - GRANTED*
- Planning Application 18/0522 – *Lowthian Cottage – 1. Cherry tree – remove following recent storm which resulted in fallen bough, 2.3. Berberis and Hazel bushes to be cleared to allow access for proposed tree removal – GRANTED*
- Planning Application 18/0592 – *Baldwinholme – proposed domestic extension*
- Planning Application 18/607 – *The Spinney – Proposed vehicle & implement store – OBJECTION SUBMITTED*
- Planning Application 17/0588 – *Site adjacent to Red Brows – Outline application for residential development with approval sought for access and layout – OBJECTION SUBMITTED*

## **Item 9 – Village Greens, Play Area, Trees, etc**

- The annual play area inspection has been undertaken in August. The report was distributed to councillors prior to the meeting. The report highlights some rotten wood on one piece of equipment and some matting that needs attention. CF to make enquiries with Playdale regarding this.
- The tree work is now complete and the large stump on the Green has been ground down to be reseeded.
- It was noted by AM that grass cuttings have been dumped at the back of the Village Green where T45 was felled. This is from residents cutting the Green itself in addition to the contractors cuts. It was decided to monitor this.
- A number of comments have been received regarding the amount of grass left from cutting however councillors agreed that the quote to pick the grass up was too high.

An email from a resident was also discussed regarding the strip of grass outside their property on the old A66 and the possibility of this being cut. This is technically Highways land not Village Green and is cut by Highways periodically. Councillors discussed

extending the cutting to cover the verges right through the village. Grass cutting tender to be discussed at the next meeting so this will be discussed further then.

- The clerk presented to the Council legal advice received regarding vehicular access over the Village Green for planning application 17/0519. The legal advice made clear that the council could only grant access if it was deemed the access would not unduly hinder the designated use of the Village Green – this being the recreational use of parishioners. A lengthy discussion was undertaken between councillors and involving parishioners present, including the landowner. Councillors felt that the proposed development was far too intensive for this area of the village and had reiterated the fact that TSPC had strongly objected to EDC regarding the application. It was felt that to allow access for the development would result in an additional 8 vehicles crossing this area of Village Green on a daily basis, and this was felt to be excessive. A parishioner queried if the council would consider granting access if the planning application was for less properties and therefore less vehicles. Councillors responded that they could only comment on the case in question, however if a more sympathetic planning application was submitted, this would be discussed in its own right. With KO abstaining due to a personal connection, Councillors agreed that they were in objection to the proposed development and as such were not willing to grant access over the Village Green for the proposed planning application.

#### **Item 10 – HGV access along old A66**

- It was noted by AM that a number of Frank Bird Poultry HGV's have been travelling though the village along the old A66. Councillors concerned that this may affect the safety of other road users. CF to send a letter to Frank Birds asking if their lorries could use the Cliburn junction to access the A66

#### **Item 11 – Requested Donation towards the Victory Hall**

- A letter has been received from Gavin Young, Chairman of the Victory Hall committee requesting a donation towards the renovation of the Victory Hall, which is currently undergoing works. Councillors felt that the Victory Hall was a huge asset to the village and are committed to supporting it. Councillors unanimously agreed to donate £500 towards the refurbishment, with a further lump sum in the next financial year.

#### **Item 12 – Friends of Eden Valley Public Transport**

- CF read an email from FEVPT to councillors updating on progress. There is still a vacancy for a representative from Temple Sowerby. Councillors agreed that they would endeavour to send a representative until someone is in place. AM agreed to attend the next meeting. Article to go in next Courier. CF to communicate with FEVPT

#### **Item 13 – Accounts and Financial Report**

<b>Income:</b>	1 Crossfell View – July & Aug	£ 540.00
	2 Crossfell View – July & Aug	£ 640.00
	3 Crossfell View – July & Aug	£ 411.68
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 1591.68</b>

<b>Expenses:</b>	Clerks Salary (May)	£	307.50
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	Clerks salary (Backpay)	£	410.79
	Countrywide (June & July)	£	594.00
	Clerks expenses	£	150.40
	TSO Host	£	25.18
	Zurich Insurance	£	973.45
	CALC Subscription	£	165.00
	North West Arboricultural Services Ltd	£	2364.00
	North West Arboricultural Services Ltd	£	114.00

Balances at			
31/08/2018:	Community Account	£	4390.34
	Business Money Manager Account	£	4800.75
	Penrith Building Society (Maypole Account)	£	1179.13
	Penrith Building Society (Parish Houses Account)	£	12113.67

Cheques to authorise:			
	North West Arboricultural Services Ltd	£	420.00
	Clerks Expenses	£	107.89
	Countrywide (Aug & Sept)	£	594.00
	Remembrance Exhibition Donation	£	120.00
	RoSPA Play Area Inspection	£	88.20

- The clerk gave an update on the AGAR, which has now been forwarded on within the auditors for a final sign off. Feedback from the auditors related to the asset figure disclosed and its difference to the previous years. This is due to assets not previously being included in the figures for which documentation was sent to auditors last financial year. Due to the nature of the way the form is presented these figures will never tally up and this therefore will remain an ongoing issue. The auditors suggested that as a council with a turnover under £25,000 TSPC are eligible for exemption, despite the fact the council was qualified last year. As such, CF presented an exemption certificate to the council which was signed by the Chair.
- The bank reconciliation was presented to the councillors and signed

#### **Item 14 - Correspondence**

All other correspondence received since the last meeting has been circulated.

The Chair thanked those present and announced that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed ..... Date .....

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