

TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 24th January 2019 in the Victory Hall at 7pm.

Present were Councillors Kevin Overs (KO), Angela Mathers (AM), Jonathan Richardson (JR), Caryl Varty (CV), Martyn Cannon (MC). Also present was Caroline Fancott-Beynon (CFB) (Clerk) together with 7 parishioners.

Item 1 – Apologies – District Councillor Sawrey-Cookson (HSC)

Item 2 – Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2018 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Item 3 – Requests for Dispensation – None

Declarations of Interests – JR declared that he was a member of the church relating to agenda item 11 and requested dispensation to speak and vote on the matter. This was granted

Item 4 – Adjournment of Meeting

No items raised

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

No items to report

Item 6 – Parish Houses & Land

- CFB has liaised with Martin Overy and also EDC regarding the possibility of applying for an exemption on the work required to bring 2CFV and 3CFV up to the required EPC rating. The procedure appears to be rather unclear at present, although it is possible to apply for an exemption under a 'no cost' option as there is currently no outside funding available to assist with the works. CFB will make further enquiries and try this option in the first instance. The exemption request is submitted online at a national level and is then disseminated to the Local Authority to further investigate. Clerk to update progress.

Item 7 – Planning Matters

- Planning Application 18/0791 – *Barn adj to Counting House – Demolition of barn and erection of two adjoining dwellings – REFUSED*
- Planning Application 18/0840 – *Paddock End, Temple Sowerby – Fell x 2 mature Silver Birch trees - GRANTED*

- Planning Application 18/607 – *The Spinney – Proposed vehicle & implement store – GRANTED*
- Planning Application 18/0940 – *The Lodge – Demolition of building and erection of replacement dwelling– OBSERVATION SUBMITTED*
- *Planning Application 18/0910 – The Old Forge – crown raise beech to 4m and remove long limb overhanging school yard – GRANTED*
- CFB confirmed that EDC have taken the Conservation Officer's comments in to account relating to application 18/0940
- CFB has spoken with EDC following a complaint submitted regarding TSPC not being notified of Planning Application 18/0791. EDC have apologised for their error.

Item 8 – Village Greens, Play Area, Trees, etc

- The tender for the grass cutting in the village was discussed. Tenders have been received from the current contractors and another local contractor. Quotes have been obtained for three separate areas in the village, namely the Village Green, the roadside verges on entering the village, and the roadside verges on the old A66 through the centre of the village. Following a discussion, it was decided to remain with the current contractors and to include the cutting of the roadside along the whole of the old A66 through the village on to the tender. CFB to notify tenders.
- The problem of dog mess was raised in the Vicarage Lane and Bowling Club Lane areas. Clerk to contact EDC and request some signs to place around the village.

Item 9 – Friends of Eden Valley Public Transport

- AM attended the last FEVPT meeting and reported back that the service is being well used however not many people from Temple Sowerby are using it. Timetables are up in the bus stop and information has been put out via the village newsletter. It was confirmed that the service is safe until April at present.

Item 10 – Accounts and Financial Report

Income:	1 Crossfell View – Sept & Oct	£ 540.00
	2 Crossfell View – Sept & Oct	£ 640.00
	3 Crossfell View – Sept & Oct	£ 411.68
	TOTAL	£ 1591.68
Expenses:	Clerks Salary (Sept)	£ 444.43
	Clerks salary (Oct)	£ 444.43
	Countrywide (Oct & Nov)	£ 594.00
	Clerks expenses	£ 74.80
	Martin Overy – EPC's	£ 120.00
	TSVH Donation	£ 500.00

Balances at		
31/12/2018:	Community Account	£ 3567.09
	Business Money Manager Account	£ 4804.16
	Penrith Building Society (Maypole Account)	£ 1179.13
	Penrith Building Society (Parish Houses Account)	£12113.67

Cheques to authorise:		
	Clerks Expenses	£ 53.07
	Countrywide (Dec & Jan)	£594.00

- The bank reconciliation was presented to the councillors and signed
- The clerk presented the proposed budget for the upcoming financial year. Due to it currently being unclear as to whether the work to the parish houses will need to be undertaken, a number of alternatives were considered regarding the budget. It was felt that currently the parish council has healthy funds and the parish houses account could cover any necessary works if required. It was unanimously agreed to keep the precept for 2019/20 at £7000

Item 11 - Correspondence

The clerk informed councillors that following a letter of support to the PCC of St James Church, a letter of thanks had been received. A further letter from the PCC has been received informing councillors of the possibility of a grant from Cumbria Waste Management Environmental Trust (a registered charity) to the PCC to enable them to carry out works to the Church namely the fitting of a toilet and kitchen. However, in order to qualify for the grant, a donation of 10% of the proposed grant must be made to the Environmental Trust from a third party. As such the PCC of St James have approached the parish council.

There was some lengthy discussion around this issue and the legality of donating funds to the parish church. Whilst the parish council have historically supported the Church with donations, the council have recently become aware of legislation, namely the Local Government Act 1894, which prohibits parish councils from donating to the parish church. It was argued that the works that are proposed would not solely benefit churchgoers but also the wider community as the Church holds secular events that the community can be involved in. Also, in this case any donation from the parish council would be made directly to the Environmental Trust who would then provide a grant to the Church; the donation would not be made to the PCC itself. It was countered that although the aims were laudable, they nevertheless contravened advice the council had received regarding the 1894 Act. A vote was taken, whereby two councillors abstained (Am & CV) and three councillors voted in favour of the donation. CFB to liaise with PCC.

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 12th March 2019 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8pm

Signed Date

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