

# TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in the Victory Hall following the Annual Parish Council Meeting. This commenced at approximately 7.16pm

Present were Councillors Kevin Overs (KO), Jonathan Richardson (JR), Caryl Varty (CV) and Martyn Cannon (MC). Also present was Caroline Fancott-Beynon (CFB) (Clerk), County Councillor David Whipp (DW) and District Councillor Sawrey-Cookson (HSC) together with twelve parishioners.

## **Item 1 – Apologies – None**

## **Item 2 – Minutes**

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**Item 3 – Declarations of Interests –** KO declared an interest in Planning Applications 19/0286 and 19/0058 and will abstain from any discussion in these  
JR declared that he was a member of the church in relation to Agenda item 12 for an increased donation for the church grant

**Requests for Dispensation – None**

## **Item 4 – Adjournment of Meeting**

No items raised

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

- The clerk reported that both companies had been re-contacted regarding the road signs that had been left in the village following road works last year and asked to move them within two weeks or the parish council would dispose of them. Amey Mouchel have removed their signs, and there is just one sign remaining. KO to arrange disposal.
- The parish council at a cost to parishioners cleared the drains outside the Village Hall following the last meeting. The drains are now clear and no further problems reported in heavy rain. Despite Highways being contacted, no contact has been made.

## **Item 6 – Parish Houses & Land**

- CFB has recently been notified that the exemptions submitted for 2CFV and 3 CFV have been refused and that the landlord is expected to cover the cost of any works up to a cap of £3500. CFB did send with the exemptions proof that the work would cost far in excess of this amount. There is very little information as to how to prove the high costs of the works and re-submit an exemption. CFB will make further enquiries.
- As 3CFV is on the Fair Rent Scheme it was agreed to submit a Fair Rent Application to increase the rent. The earliest this can be submitted is 04.10.19.

- There was some discussion regarding the rent for 1CFV and 2CFV and the previous rent increases were discussed. Councillors felt that rent trends need to be investigated as to whether rent is increasing or stagnating and Will Cleasby, Trustee of the Parish Houses kindly offered to do some research in to this. It was agreed to discuss this further at the July meeting.
- The Parish land was discussed and it was stated that the last increase in land rent was in 2015/16. Councillors agreed that current land rent remains the same for the upcoming year.

### **Item 7 – Planning Matters**

- Planning Application 19/0169 – *2 Sunny Bank – Fell Silver Birch tree in front garden – GRANTED*
- Planning Application 19/0221 – *Land to the rear of Temple Sowerby Medical Practice – variation of S106 agreement under approval 17/0293 – no objection*
- Planning Application 19/0058 – *Barn adj to Counting House – Demolition of barn and erection of two adjoining dwellings (18/0791) – GRANTED*  
 Whilst planning permission has been granted for this development, there is still the matter of access over the village green to finalise. A number of parishioners had contacted the parish council and were given the opportunity to express their views at the meeting. The parish council had also written to the applicants prior to the meeting to notify them that the matter of access would be discussed and to invite any comments from them. The overall thoughts of the council at the present time is grant to access to the development, subject to further discussions surrounding the type of surface used on the access and also on the maintenance of the village green around the access. JR proposed that the applicants contact the parish council with a draft idea of their proposals regarding access and the treatment of this area of Village Green, and the council could then hold discussions involving both the applicants and the surrounding residents to agree a way to move forward.
- Planning Application 19/0286 – *Poppy House, Temple Sowerby – retrospective variation of Condition 1 (plans compliance) to include addition of window to north elevation attached to approval 16/1116*  
 A resident of a neighbouring property attended the meeting. He provided the council with plans and photos of the property with the additional window and voiced his objections. The resident stated that he had complained about the windows potentially overlooking his property at the time of the initial planning proposal and as a result of his complaints, he believed the planning authority had stipulated roof lights to avoid this. A discussion was held regarding the necessity of the window and that the development differed from those agreed by EDC on the original planning application. The clerk will make enquiries with EDC as to whether conditions could be imposed so that the window remains frosted indefinitely, and if so, whether these conditions would be enforced. The council agreed to discuss the application further once information was received from EDC.

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

- CFB is in contact with Playdale regarding replacement posts for the net frame and bars. The council agreed to go ahead with the replacements subject to receiving the quote.
- The parish council notice board has been removed and is being repainted
- CFB gave feedback from a recent tree management workshop held by CALC which stipulated that trees should be inspected on an annual basis. There was some discussion about planting some new trees to replace those that have been lost. It was agreed to discuss this with Rob Sim when the tree management plan is updated
- Feedback from the Village hall Committee was that they would not look to put a permanent structure in place for accessibility to the hall, but rather a removable ramp.

**Item 9 – Friends of Eden Valley Public Transport**

- Angela Mathers kindly attended the last meeting and has offered to attend the next

**Item 10 – Speeding through the Village**

- The clerk has liaised with PC Black at Cumbria Constabulary regarding the Community Speedwatch Scheme. 8 volunteers have come forward to assist with this. CV has offered to act as a volunteer co-ordinator and CFB will liaise with PC Black to pass details over so that the scheme can be put in motion.
- Regarding speeding happening at night, PC Black has added the village to the list to receive the police SID that will record the data and if a problem is highlighted, patrols will be increased where necessary.

**Item 11 – Policies & Standing Orders**

- The policies and Standing Orders for the upcoming year had been distributed to councillors prior to the meeting. These were unanimously agreed. JR proposed to adopt the following policies, which was seconded by CV:  
 Standing Orders  
 Code of Conduct  
 Financial Regulations  
 Financial Risk Management  
 GDPR  
 Asset register
- It was agreed to put the Risk Assessment back to the July meeting whilst the clerk made some further enquiries

**Item 12 – Accounts and Financial Report**

<b>Income:</b>	1 Crossfell View – Mar & April	£ 540.00
	2 Crossfell View – Mar & April	£ 640.00
	3 Crossfell View – Mar & April	£ 411.68
	Precept	£7027.00
<b>Expenses:</b>	Clerks Salary (Mar)	£ 444.43
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	Countrywide (Feb & Mar)	£ 594.00
	Clerks expenses	£ 52.68

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**Cheques to authorise:**

Clerks Expenses	£ 98.53
Countrywide (April & May)	£ 700.00
CALC Subscription	£ 137.21
Internal Audit	£ 50.00
Zurich Municipal	£ 995.66

- The insurance renewal was presented to councillors and agreed
- A request for a donation to the Village Hall was received. Councillors agreed to donate a further £500
- A request had been received for the parish council to increase their donation for the CWMET Grant to £600 for the church. This was unanimously agreed.

**Item 13 - Correspondence**

All 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 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7pm.

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