

TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 14th January 2020 in the Victory Hall at 7pm

Present were Councillors Kevin Overs (KO), Jonathan Richardson (JR) and Caryl Varty (CV) Also present were Caroline Fancott-Beynon (CFB) (Clerk) and Cllr Henry Sawrey-Cookson (HSC) together with eight parishioners.

Item 1 – Apologies – Cllr Martyn Cannon (MC)

Item 2 – Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd October 2019 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Item 3 – Declarations of Interests – None

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.

- Countryside Access have been informed about the rotten gate on Vicarage lane footpath and maps provided of where the issues are.
- Dog fouling in the Bowling Green Lane area has again been reported to the dog warden. Unfortunately when they visit the area they see no evidence of fouling due to parishioners very kindly picking up any they come across. Dog warden has stressed that parishioners must report any dog fouling directly and if possible with a name of the dog's owner/description of the dog.

Item 6 – Councillor Vacancy

There has been no further contact from the initial applicant for the vacancy. Signs are up in the village although as yet there have been no further enquiries. JR informed the council that his house has now sold and as such he will soon be moving away and will no longer be eligible to sit on the council. This would leave two vacancies on the council and due to MC's current ill health would result in the council being inquorate. The clerk informed the meeting that without sufficient councillors the parish council would no longer be in operation. The clerk appealed to those parishioners present that if anyone was interested in becoming a councillor to please get in touch for any further information. The current vacancy continues to be advertised in the village and on the website.

Item 7 – Parish Houses & Land

- The exemption request for the EPC has now been submitted for both 2 and 3 CFV under the High Cost Exemption. As yet the clerk has heard nothing back so is hopeful the exemptions will stand.

- The Fair Rent review for 3CFV has been agreed and the rent has increased to £52.50 per week. A revised tenancy agreement has been completed.

Item 8 – Planning Matters

- Planning Application 19/0058 – *Barn adj to Counting House – Demolition of barn and erection of two adjoining dwellings (18/0791) – GRANTED* – matter of access over the Village Green discussed under Item 9
- Planning Application 19/0790 – *The Lodge, Temple Sowerby – Extension and alterations*– Objections submitted
- Planning Application 19/0690 – *Ivy House, Temple Sowerby – proposed demolition of existing single storey extensions for two storey domestic extension. Formation of double garage to existing detached annexe incorporated to new boundary – GRANTED*
- Planning Application 19/0714 – *Ash Hill Farm, Temple Sowerby – conversion of buildings to create a Crematorium with associated access, parking and burial ground* - EDC are awaiting revised plans to be submitted by the applicants and will reissue this application in due course

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

- Further to contact with the parish council's solicitors, revised plans have now been received from the applicants regarding the proposed access over the village green for Counting House Barn. The revised plans replace the gravel with sets around the outside of the green, with grass in the centre. The gate now remains at 12 feet wide. Councillors agreed that these plans were an improvement. However the residents of Tendot barn and Rosebank Barn still had concerns regarding the amount of grass and how this would impede their access to their properties with regards to swinging their vehicles over the grass to gain entry. Further discussion was held, with the suggestion of Grasscrete being used on the grassed area to allow vehicles to drive over it whilst still looking aesthetically pleasing. This was agreed by the applicants. CV offered to provide details to the applicants of the work done at Acorn Bank by the National Trust. CFB will recontact solicitors to confirm council's agreement. The council also agreed with accessways for services crossing the green with the proviso that it is made right if ever lifted for maintenance etc.
- Playdale have now replaced the damaged play area equipment
- There was a further report of an increase in dog mess in the area of Bowling Green Lane, however it seems that parishioners are kindly removing the mess, hence there appears no problem when the dog warden visits. CFB stressed that the dog warden will act if the culprits can be identified and will also re-contact the dog warden to monitor
- KO confirmed the replacement of the fence alongside the old A66 and that once the weather improves this will go ahead. It was noted that part of the fence outside Woodbine House has now also collapsed.
- The revised Tree Management Plan has now been received from Rob Sim. There are no major areas of work to do this time, just some minor pruning. CFB to obtain quotes. Councillors discussed the planting of replacement trees on the village green – this will be placed on the next agenda.

- The tender for the grass cutting is up for renewal. Countrywide Maintenance has stated they are willing to hold their current pricing for the upcoming year. Countrywide are by far the most competitively priced contractor. Councillors agreed to renewal. CFB to arrange.
- A request from the bowling club for TSPC to contribute to future maintenance of drains on Bowling Green lane had been received. A representative from the bowling club attended and confirmed that CCC has now accepted responsibility for future maintenance.

Item 10 – Speedwatch

- CV reported that whilst Speedwatch continues it is very difficult to tackle the issue successfully as the main problem occurs in the evening/night when Speedwatch volunteers are not able to operate due to H&S restrictions. Further volunteers are also needed.

Item 11 – Accounts and Financial Report

Income:	1 Crossfell View – Nov & Dec	£ 540.00
	2 Crossfell View – Nov & Dec	£ 640.00
	3 Crossfell View – Nov & Dec	£ 411.68

Expenses:	Countrywide (Oct/Nov)	£ 700.00
	Clerks expenses	£ 92.18
	CWMET Church Grant	£ 600.00
	Playdale	£ 691.34
	Clerks Salary (Aug/Sept)	£ 911.74

Cheques to authorise:		
	Countrywide (Dec/Jan)	£ 700.00
	Clerks expenses	£ 49.38
	HMRC	£ 46.21

- The clerk updated councillors on the bank reconciliation to date
- The clerk presented the proposed budget for the upcoming financial year. Due to it currently being unconfirmed 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 2020/21 at £7000. JR raised the point that due to the addition of more properties in the village this will in effect result in less contribution per household in the coming year.

Item 12 - Correspondence

All correspondence received since the last meeting has been circulated.

- CALC are holding a transparency forum for clerks/councillors on 19th February which CV and JR showed an interest in attending. The clerk also hopes to attend.

Meeting closed at 8.07pm. The next meeting will be held on 3rd March 2020

Signed Date