

# TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May following the Annual Meeting. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this was a virtual meeting open to the public via Zoom conferencing.

Present were Councillors Kevin Overs (KO), Caryl Varty (CV), Phil Farrell (PF) and Andi Sambrook (AS). Also present were Caroline Fancott-Beynon (CFB) (Clerk) along with 3 parishioners

## **Item 1 – Apologies - None**

## **Item 2 – Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March were distributed to councillors, agreed and will be signed at the next opportunity

## **Item 3 – Declarations of Interests – None**

## **Requests for Dispensation – None**

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

Due to the nature of the meeting, it was requested that any comments from parishioners be submitted in advance. There were no issues raised.

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

- The clerk reported that following a letter regarding the large amount of soil/rubble on the old A66 near Spittals farm, the landowner has been in contact and has stated they will ensure there is access to the milestone.
- The clerk confirmed the agreement of the land transfer at Counting House and the solicitor is currently dealing with this
- The clerk has received a response from the Operations Manager at Frank Birds regarding the HGV's travelling through the village stating their drivers will be asked to avoid the village where possible

## **Item 6 – Councillor Vacancy**

- Councillors held interviews with the three applicants prior to the meeting
- A vote was held at the meeting and councillors unanimously voted for Lisa Robinson to be co-opted as parish councillor
- Lisa accepted the position and was invited to join the meeting as councillor from this point
- Declaration of Office will be completed at the next meeting and Register of Interests will be sent out for completion

## **Item 7 – Parish Houses & Land**

- The roof work to 2CFV and 3CFV is still outstanding awaiting a weather window
- Parish Land Rents have largely been received now for 2020/21. Just one remains outstanding

## **Item 8 – Planning Matters**

- *Planning Application 21/0375 – West View Farm, Temple Sowerby – listed building consent for the replacement of timber single glazed windows with timber double glazed windows and repairs to stonework, boundary walls, railings and roof – no objections*
- *Planning Application 21/0113 – The Lodge, Temple Sowerby – Remove 2 x Leylandii trees, reduce in height 1 x leylandii tree by 2m and thin – no objections - GRANTED*
- *Planning Application 21/0106 – Fairacre, Land SE Templars Court, Temple Sowerby – erection of an extension to unit 4, the erection of a detached garage and the change of use of agricultural land to residential to create a larger garden. Re-submission of 20/0876 – letter of support submitted with conditions*

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

- Tree works have now been completed and invoiced. The tree management plan is due to be undertaken this summer however Rob Sim from EDC has now retired. The clerk has contacted his replacement to confirm that he will assist with the management plan. SWH tree services have confirmed they offer this service however there is a charge associated with it. The council agreed to wait to hear from EDC before looking at alternative options
- The barn at West View is now under new ownership. The clerk will contact the new owners and request it is made safe.
- A query has been received regarding the frequency of the grass cutting and whether it is too frequent. This is an issue that has come up in previous years and the current cutting plan appears to have been the most successful. It was also raised that a lot of weed spray is being used around benches which when moved leaves an unsightly dead patch. The council agreed to notify the grass cutters to refrain from using any weed spray in the village and to not trim around the trees/posts and see how this looks over the summer season. The council agreed that it would be beneficial to encourage as many people as possible to attend the autumn meeting or to share their views on grass cutting, as this is when the grass cutting contract will be looked at for the following year
- There was discussion on how the council could encourage more parish engagement. The clerk had made enquiries regarding funding however due to match funding, this is not really an option at present. AS contacted the Ramblers Society to enquire about opening up old footpaths who suggested speaking to people who may remember these paths being used. NR suggested a village event to bring the community together after COVID such as a garden tea party on the village green. It was agreed it would be a good idea to engage the Victory hall in any plans so AS will take this idea to them.
- The exercise class has now commenced on the village green

## **Item 10 – Website**

- There are still some ongoing issues with the website but hopefully it is almost completed. All the media was lost on transfer so this all has to be re-uploaded by the clerk and Angela Mathers who runs the website, in their own time – it was expected that the website technician would have done this. It was agreed that given the issues and the length of time this has gone on for, plus the time and expense needed to re-upload all the media, that the council will ask for a reduction on the invoice.

## Item 11 - Accounts and Financial Report

<b>Income:</b>	1 Crossfell View – Mar & Apr	£ 540.00
	2 Crossfell View – Mar & Apr	£ 640.00
	3 Crossfell View – Mar & Apr	£ 455.00
	Precept	£7046.00

<b>Expenses:</b>	Countrywide (Feb/Mar)	£700.00
	Clerk Expenses	£79.63
	Clerks Salary	£468.35

### Cheques to authorise:

Countrywide (Apr/May)	£700.00
Clerks expenses	£102.20
CALC Subs	£156.97
CALC Course Fees	40.00
Insurance	£1165.27
Internal Audit	£50.00
North West Arb Ltd	£954.00
Newbiggin Recreational Society	£20.00

- The clerk updated councillors on the bank reconciliation to date.

## Item 12 - Correspondence

- A reminder that the Census should now be completed. There are still some households outstanding. A what app reminder has been sent out
- A letter has been received and returned to Highways England regarding land ownership for the new dualling of the A66
- There are a number of CALC courses coming up – both CV and PF are able to attend the Village Green Course and the Rights of Way event.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm. The next meeting will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021. This will hopefully be held in the Village Hall

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