

TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 16th March at 7pm. 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 4 parishioners

Item 1 – Apologies - None

Item 2 – Minutes

There appeared to have been a technical issue with the distribution of the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2021. The clerk will re-distribute the minutes and these will be confirmed as a true record at the next meeting. These will be signed by the Chair at the next available 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. The issue of farm traffic leaving mud on the old A66 was raised by a parishioner. This was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk would send a letter to the farmers asking if they could be mindful of this and try and avoid bringing mud out on to the main road where at all possible.

Chelsea Wilkinson requested to speak on behalf of JIW Properties who are the applicants for planning application 21/0106. The council have previously objected to this application on the grounds that EDC had previously refused the application due to the change of use of the additional agricultural land. Miss Wilkinson explained the personal circumstances around why the application had been submitted and why the additional land was required. She invited councillors to attend the site to view the plot which councillors agreed to do. The clerk will arrange this with the planning consultant. TSPC will then review their position regarding the application.

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

The clerk reported the large amount of soil/rubble on the old A66 near Spittals farm to highways as it was blocking access to the milestone on the public footpath. Highways have since informed the council this is private property. The clerk will contact the landowners directly to request space be made available to view the milestone.

Item 6 – Councillor Vacancy

- One applicant has since withdrawn, and one applicant has been unreachable. It was suggested we contact this applicant on the WhatsApp group, on which he had been present, CV offered to do this. With lockdown restrictions due to ease in late march, the council will aim to arrange an outdoor meeting with any applicants. A parishioner who has previously shown an interest in the vacancy was present at the meeting and has stated

she will also consider applying. The clerk will liaise with applicants and councillors to arrange meetings when restrictions allow.

Item 7 – Parish Houses & Land

- The roof work to 2CFV is still outstanding due to bad weather. The gas certificate has been received from 3CFV and this states some pointing needs to be done on the chimney again. Cliff Atkinson has been contacted and will have a look when he attends to 2CFV.
- There have been some further boiler repairs completed to 1CFV
- Parish Land Rents have largely been received now for 2020/21. Just on remains outstanding

Item 8 – Planning Matters

- Planning Application 20/0876 – *Fairacre House, Temple Sowerby – change of use of agricultural land to residential to create a larger garden, alteration to the windows and doors of unit 4 and erection of a detached garage – objections submitted – GRANTED (with conditions)*
- *Planning Application 20/0915 – Greythorne, Low Moor, Kirkby Thore – Erection of building for storage of agricultural machinery and fodder – observations submitted - GRANTED*
- 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*
- 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 – objections submitted. This application was discussed earlier in the meeting and the council will arrange a site visit.*

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

- Due to inclement weather the tree works are still outstanding but hope to be completed in the next few weeks
- The barn at West View has been dropping debris on to the pavement and road. This has been reported to CCC and EDC who are sending someone to assess the building. The clerk will contact the owner's solicitor and request it be made safe.
- A request has been made that a small area of the village green adjacent to Counting house be signed over to that property. The small area of land is currently registered with the Land Registry as part of the village green in that location. However, on historical documents it appears to be part of the land associated to Counting House and also on the recent plans signed by the council relating to access, this small area of land is marked as belonging to Counting house. After viewing the associated documents and seeking legal advice, the council agreed that the land would be signed over to Counting House. The clerk will make the necessary arrangements.
- Quotes have been received for the grass cutting tender for the upcoming year. The council have decided to remain with Countrywide Grounds Maintenance Ltd. As their quote was the best value. The clerk will arrange the contract.

- A complaint has been received of HGV's passing through the village on their way to Frank Birds and ABN at Langwathby. This is an ongoing issue. The clerk has contacted companies involved. CV will contact PC Black who deals with Speed watch to see if he could offer any advice.
- There was discussion on how the council could encourage more parish engagement. Various options were discussed. There is also the possibility that some Green Spaces funding may become available and it was thought that this could be a way to increase parish engagement by looking at projects relating to footpaths etc. The clerk will make some enquiries regarding funding. Meanwhile councillors are looking at footpaths in the area.
- The council have been approached regarding an exercise class being run on the village green. The council are happy for this to go ahead and this will commence on 1st April and every Thursday morning thereafter.

Item 10 – Website

- There has been a delay with the website completion due to various issues once the website was transferred. Angela Mathers is liaising with Phil Guest regarding this. Unfortunately, the clerk is unable to access the website at the current time to update agendas/meetings and minutes. The agenda was sent out via the village WhatsApp group in addition to the notice boards and the minutes will issued in the same way.

Item 11 - Accounts and Financial Report

Income:	1 Crossfell View – Jan & Feb	£ 540.00
	2 Crossfell View – Jan & Feb	£ 640.00
	3 Crossfell View – Jan & Feb	£ 455.00
	Wayleave	£ 19.05

Expenses:	Countrywide (Dec/Jan)	£700.00
	Clerks expenses	£71.25
	CALC course fees	£40.00
	CALC course fees	£60.00
	C Atkinson	£240.00
	Walker Oil Heating Services Ltd	£243.60
	AS Wilson Fencing Contractor	£1237.08
	Parish Houses Transfer	£3000.00

Cheques to authorise:

	Countrywide (Feb/Mar)	£700.00
	Clerk Expenses	£79.63

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

- The clerk presented the Insurance renewal to the council. There is a discount for a 5-year agreement which the council agreed to go ahead with, giving a saving of over £100 per year. The clerk will arrange renewal.

Item 12 - Correspondence

- An email was received following the last meeting querying why the payment to AS Wilson for the fence works was so much greater than the initial quotations. The clerk responded explaining that the initial quotation was for replacing a small stretch of broken fence, however the council decide that two areas of fence would be replaced and a large section of fence removed hence the greater cost.
- A reminder that the Census is due to be completed online on 21st March. There will be a support hub at Penrith library for those people who are struggling to complete it online.
- There are two events coming up to discuss the local Government Reorganisation. CV will try to attend both.
- The council have been approached by the Herald to provide a summary of any issues that arise at meetings and of any community issues. The clerk will liaise following the meeting
- Notification has been received of a road closure from 24th march on Chapel Street

Meeting closed at 8pm. The next meeting will be held on 11th May 2021. Details will be confirmed nearer the time depending on restrictions.

Signed Date