

TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 26th October at 7pm in the Victory Hall

Present were Councillors Kevin Overs (KO), Caryl Varty (CV), Phil Farrell (PF), Andi Sambrook (AS) and Lisa Robinson (LR). Also present were Caroline Fancott-Beynon (CFB) (Clerk) and Cllr H Sawrey-Cookson (EDC) along with 1 parishioner

Item 1 – Apologies – Will Cleasby (Trustee, Parish Houses)

Item 2 – Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th July were distributed to councillors, agreed and signed by the Chair

Item 3 – Declarations of Interests – LR declared an interest in Planning Application 21/0700. LR will refrain from any discussion

Requests for Dispensation – None

Item 4 – Adjournment of Meeting

- It was raised by a parishioner that there were a lot of epicormic shoots growing on the trees. These were removed by the tree surgeon on his last visit; however, they have regrown through the summer so will be addressed when the tree surgeon next attends

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

- Further to the discussion at the last meeting the grass cutting has now been extended down the pathway towards the Moss
- Following the councils concern regarding the work done to the website update, the clerk confirmed that the council only paid half the original cost of the work. The clerk confirmed that there was also ongoing issues with the email and would look into this, since this is critical to communication with the council and outside bodies.
- The bus shelter has been painted over the summer

Item 6 – Parish Houses & Land

- The roof work to 2CFV and 3CFV is still outstanding awaiting a weather window. There is also some broken concrete by one of the downspouts to repair
- At the time of the meeting, just one parish land rent was outstanding
- The rent on the parish houses was reviewed. Will Cleasby, Trustee of the Parish Houses was unable to attend but had passed his comments on that he felt that rents should remain

static at the present time given the current economic climate. The councillors discussed the rents and were also in agreement that for the time being the parish houses rents should remain unchanged. It was agreed that this would be reviewed next year. 3 Crossfell View is currently on a Fair Rent policy. Due to this property being substantially below the current market value, it was agreed by the councillors that the council will apply for a rent review on this property.

Item 7 – Planning Matters

- *Planning Application 21/0700 – Land adj to Comrie Lea, Temple Sowerby – erection of bungalow– letter of support submitted – This was ratified at the meeting*
- *Planning Application 21/0757 – The Old Forge, Temple Sowerby – Instillation of Biomass boiler flue projecting from existing garage roof – No Objections*
- *Planning Application 21/0620 & 21/0621 – West View, Temple Sowerby – Renovation of and extension of existing farmhouse including the conversion of and attached redundant barn to form additional accommodation– No Objections – GRANTED*
- *Planning Application 20/0268 – some concern was raised by councillors regarding the possible infringement of this planning application. These concerns have been logged with EDC. The clerk will chase this up.*

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

- The tree management plan was forwarded to a tree surgeon and the work can be carried out at £795 + VAT. This was agreed by the council to be completed at the earliest opportunity
- Following the play area inspection, there were some minor issues raised, most noticeably the links on the swings need replacing. The clerk will price these up.
- The school, church and village hall were all contacted regarding the upcoming Queens Jubilee celebrations since it is felt that the village is keen to be involved with something. A representative from each will be invited to the next meeting to discuss options further. Andi Sambrook is the liaison point between the pc and Village Hall.
- The broken-down fence on the footpath behind Eden Bank was reported to Countryside Access who have responded that the responsibility for this lies with the land owner. Due to the proximity of the river and the steep bank, the council will try and contact the land owner and ask for repairs to be made to make the footpath safe. The clerk will try and ascertain who owns the land in question and try and make contact.

- Some of the cobbles outside the village hall have been cleaned and look much better and are less slippery. The council pass on their thanks to Andrew Stables and Simon Prior for their painstaking work.
- The council again discussed the donation request from the church. The clerk has done some research and this is a very grey area, with many councils split over what is and isn't legal. Many councils choose to donate towards the upkeep of churchyards under S137 as the church is an important part of the community and the churchyard is an area that can be used by residents. However, many other councils believe that the earlier legislation is still the legal standing and this prohibits any donations. This view is backed by NALC. The council are very keen to donate to the church, however are uncomfortable doing so in a way that could be deemed illegal. The council can donate to something such as a newsletter that the church can make available to residents, so the clerk will contact them and ask if this is an option.
- Concerns were raised at the last meeting by residents about the safety of the road next to the play area and cars travelling through at speed. Highways were contacted and have agreed to do a traffic survey and review the possibility of reducing the speed limit to 20mph.
- The Deed of Easement for the access across the village green was received from the solicitors and signed by the council and clerk
- It has been brought to the attention of the council that raw sewerage is spilling out on to land belonging to a resident in the village and also in to the Moss, which is a SSSI. The clerk has spoken with the resident concerned, and also contacted United Utilities, the Environment Agency and Natural England. Samples were taken from the spillage in September however the results of these have not yet been made available. The clerk has not received a response from either UU or the EA, and despite numerous communications with both agencies, the local resident has not made any progress either. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Public Health and Countryside Access as the footpath through the Moss is inaccessible due to the sewage. The clerk will also speak with a contact at the Herald.
- There have been some concerns regarding the lack of access to a GP at the surgery. Whilst the council understand that this is a national issue and appreciate the work of the health care staff, it is a concern for residents. The clerk will write to the surgery and express the concerns of the council.

Item 9- Accounts and Financial Report

Income:	1 Crossfell View – July, Aug, Sept & Oct	£ 1080.00
	2 Crossfell View – July, Aug, Sept & Oct	£ 1280.00
	3 Crossfell View – July, Aug, Sept & Oct	£ 910.00
Expenses:	Countrywide (June/July)	£700.00
	Clerks expenses	£63.78
	Clerks salary (June/July)	£936.70
	CALC course fees	£40.00

Domain Renewal	£26.33
Parish Houses	£3000.00
ICO	£40

Cheques to authorise:

Countrywide (Aug- Nov)	£1400.00
Clerks expenses	£105.27
CALC course fees	£45.00
Bus shelter painting	£65.00
RoSPA Inspection	£90.60
R Rigg - IT works	£20.00
Clerks Salary (Aug - Oct)	£1405.05

- The clerk updated councillors on the bank reconciliation to date
- The clerk confirmed that the AGAR exemption had been accepted by the auditors
- It was agreed that it would be beneficial to add some of the other councillors as signatories on the bank accounts

Item 13 - Correspondence

- The EALC unitary authority questionnaire has been distributed to councillors for a response
- The A66 dualling consultation is currently open until 6th November. The preferred route for Temple Sowerby to Crackenthorpe has now been put forward as the blue route which the council agree with. Comments put forward for the consultation are the lack of a cycle path between Penrith and ~Temple Sowerby.
- All other correspondence was circulated to councillors

Meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 18th January 2022 in the Victory Hall

Signed Date