

TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present were Councillors Kevin Overs (KO), Caryl Varty (CV), Andi Sambrook (AS) and Lisa Robinson (LR). Also present were Caroline Fancott-Beynon (CFB) (Clerk) along with Cllr Henry Sawrey-Cookson (HSC), EDC and 7 parishioners

1. Apologies

Chris Williamson (CW)

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 30th January were distributed to councillors, agreed and signed by the Chair

3. Declarations of Interests

AS has declared an interest in planning application 22/0866, as has CV.

Requests for Dispensation

None

4. Adjournment of Meeting

Further to previous discussions raised about HGV's using the village as a cut through to Langwathby, a resident very kindly offered some research that he had undertaken with Cumbria County Council regarding the use of particular routes by HGV's. The route map available on the CCC website indicates that the road from Temple Sowerby via Culgaith to Langwathby should not be used by HGV's, and there is also the concern that there are two old stone bridges on that route for which the weight limit will be questionable. The indicated route for HGV's travelling to/from Langwathby appears to be the use of the A66 to Penrith then the A686 to Langwathby. The clerk will make contact with Culgaith PC and see if they have similar concerns.

This information will be passed on to the police via the Speedwatch scheme as there has been previous discussion with the police regarding this issue. CV updated the meeting that the Speedwatch initial training had now taken place and they were awaiting the use of the equipment which was currently in use by other parishes. It is hoped that the Speedwatch scheme will help build a case with the police that there is an issue regarding speeding in the village.

5. Chairman to report on matters from the last minutes, not on the agenda

No issues raised

6. Parish Houses & Land

- The clerk confirmed all land rents have now been received and there was discussion regarding whether the land rents would remain the same or increase in the upcoming year. Discussion was held and it was acknowledged that the land rents have not increased for many years. As such, it was agreed to increase the rents by 5%. This is in the context of the current inflation rate of 8.8% (CPI). The clerk will invoice tenants in the new financial year.
- All paperwork has now been received regarding the boiler service for 1CFV, and the gas certificate for 3CFV has also been received.

7. Parish Issues (Village Greens/Trees/Footpaths etc)

- James Watson Tree Services have commenced work in the village removing dead wood and associated works based on the tree management plan that was completed in consultation with John Hiscox, EDC Tree Officer. It was confirmed that a mature cherry tree was being felled due to severe rot at the base and also that the plum tree on the Drying Green would be felled as it was failing to thrive. This was at John Hiscox's recommendation. The trees would be replaced and the parish council are trying to encourage residents to have their say and get involved by joining a 'Tree Working Group'. A previous invitation received only one response from the whole village, so this will be put out again with a view to encourage people to get involved. The parish council plan initially to replace the tree on the Drying Green with an Oak to commemorate the Coronation. Hopefully this can be planted towards the end of the year.
- United Utilities got in touch to state they were reopening a trench to send a camera down. The clerk has not heard that this has been completed so will chase up
- As the clerk was absent at the last meeting, it was confirmed that the parish council were not in a position to donate any money at the present time towards the upkeep of St James churchyard. The council are keen to hear of what measures the church are undertaking to raise funds or to encourage volunteers to help with upkeep. The clerk reminded the council of the legislation in place that restricts parish council funding to the upkeep of churches and church yards; it has been confirmed by NALC at national level that parish councils should not be contributing in any way to the upkeep of the church. The clerk will recontact the treasurer to confirm this.
- The clerk confirmed that the insurance company will not cover the replacement of the fence on the village green as it was not listed as an individual item. The clerk will contact the driver of the car involved in the RTC directly and also the insurance company to try and recover costs from the driver's insurance.
- The Deed of Easement relating to Wayside went out from the solicitors last week. The prospective buyers were present at the meeting and confirmed this. An email had been received from the current owner indicating he will remove the tarmac and would like to put gravel down on the driveway. This was discussed by the council but it was agreed that similar situations in the village had set a precedent and as such the council would prefer grasscrete to be laid.
- The clerk has reported the unlit signs near the school and also the streetlight out near the Moss.

8. Planning Matters

Application Number	Location	Description	Comments	Decision
22/0537	The Works, Chapel Street, Temple Sowerby	Erection of a dwelling (resubmission of application 22/0026)	<i>Objection Submitted</i>	
22/0331	Briar Croft, Temple Sowerby	<i>Outline application for single dwelling and detached garage, with all matters reserved</i>	<i>No objections, observations submitted</i>	
22/0607 & 22/0608	Linden House, Temple Sowerby	<i>Listed building consent for the retention of uPVC windows and doors, as per previous consents 03/0664 and 03/0888 and variation of condition 2 (windows and doors shall be of timber construction) for the retention of uPVC windows and doors attached to approval 03/0664</i>	<i>No objections, observations submitted</i>	REFUSED

9. Accounts & Financial Report

Income:	1 Crossfell View – Jan/Feb	£ 540.00
	2 Crossfell View – Jan/Feb	£ 640.00
	3 Crossfell View – Jan/Feb	£ 520.00

Expenses:	Countrywide (Jan/Feb)	£ 700.00
	Clerks expenses	£ 30.06
	Clerks Salary (Jan/Feb)	£ 953.34
	Clerks back pay (Jan/Feb)	£ 69.32
	Bank Charges	£ 10.00

Payments to authorise:		
	Countrywide (Mar)	£ 350.00
	Clerks expenses	£ 41.58
	Clerks Salary (Mar)	£ 476.67
	Clerks back pay (Mar)	£ 34.66
	James Watson Tree Services	£ 3816.00
	Defib pads	£ 71.94
	Bank Charges	£ 5.80
	Parish Houses Transfer	£ 1500.00

- The clerk updated councillors on the bank reconciliation to date
- The clerk presented the NALC pay scales 2022/23 which was agreed by the council

10. Correspondence

- o All correspondence has been distributed
- o There is a Westmorland & Furness Council Briefing coming up next week via Zoom
- o It was noted that refuse collection days have changed for the village
- o Election details have been received with a briefing next week
- o Westmorland & Furness Council have sent out a Validation Checklist for consultation
- o LR stated she had been asked to raise an issue regarding two mature oak trees on the Morland Road that are scheduled to be felled as part of the A66 Transpennine work. The concern was highlighted as part of the A66 consultation with national Highways however the clerk will try and make contact to highlight our concerns

It was noted that this was the last meeting with Cllr Henry Sawrey-Cookson in office for Eden District Council. Cllr Sawrey-Cookson told the meeting he had been a councillor for 27 years in the area which he has always enjoyed, and hopes to have made a difference. The council passed their thanks to Cllr Sawrey-Cookson for his long service

Meeting closed at 8.15pm. The next meeting will be held on 17th January 2023 in the Victory Hall

Signed Date