

TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 20th February at 7pm in the Victory Hall

Present were Councillors Kevin Overs (KO), Cliff Atkinson (CA) and Lisa Robinson (LR). Also present were Caroline Fancott-Beynon (CFB) (Clerk) and 6 parishioners

1. Apologies

Caryl Varty (CV) & Andi Sambrook (AS)

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October were distributed to councillors, agreed and signed by the Chair

3. Declarations of Interests

LR declared an interest in planning application 21/0700

Requests for Dispensation

None

4. Adjournment of Meeting

A parishioner queried what was happening on the site of The Works. CFB informed him that to our knowledge there was still a live planning application on the site, and that the parish council had previously objected due to access issues, but had since had no re-consultation or a decision.

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

- The memorial bench that was previously agreed for siting on the green is now ready – this will be sited near the maypole on a sandstone slab.
- The council looked in to the possibility of solar streetlights and priced these up. They were in the region of £1245 plus VAT per light which the council deemed very expensive and also was not included in this years budget so at this time is not a viable option

6. Parish Houses & Land

- Land rent for Greengarth is outstanding – another reminder letter has been sent out
- The clerk confirmed that Walker Heating will be attending 1CFV on 27/02 to service the boiler. CA also stated that when he was repairing the roof that he noticed that the chimney on 2CFV will need to be rebuilt
- Sinking Fund for parish houses – it was agreed with councillors missing that this would be moved to the next agenda

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

- The clerk presented a number of prices for an Oak to be planted on the Drying Green. It was agreed that a tree with a root bag would be the preferred option as it was significantly cheaper. The clerk will arrange this. The clerk also informed the council that W&F no longer have a tree officer in the Eden area, who has historically always done our tree management plan. As such the council will now have to pay an arboriculturist to undertake the survey prior to works.
- John Banks has fed back with the results of the traffic survey which has shown no significant increase in HGV use through the village. This will be repeated later in the year.
- The play area inspection report has been received and there are a number of issues that need some attention – mainly rotting wood. The clerk will obtain quotes.
- The clerk has applied for a 20mph speed limit to be put in place past the school and the play area if possible
- The Deed of Easement for the pub has been completed and the new owners are now in situ. Enquiries had been made following previous discussion regarding the possibility of applying to list the Kings Arms as an Asset of Community Interest. The response from W7F indicated that the council would need to show evidence of how they would potentially purchase it. The parish council are not in a position to do this so will not be going further with this at the current time but will support an application should a community group wish to put this forward themselves.
- The streetlights by Chapel Street and the school are out again and have been reported. The clerk made the meeting aware of the situation regarding the devolvement of streetlights that took place a number of years ago and that any remaining streetlights would only be maintained by the district council for a limited amount of time, and that it may well be that these lights had reached the end of their life. Alternative lighting options were discussed and the clerk will look in to these and try and obtain clarification from W&F regarding the status of these current lights.
- The clerk will obtain quotes for the replacement of the section of fence damaged in an RTC last year.

8. Training & Development Updates

- The clerk presented dates of new councillor training for CA – CA will confirm available dates
- WEF Place Action Group feedback was due to be given by CV but in her absence this will pass to the next agenda

9. Civility & Respect Pledge

The council unanimously agreed to sign the Civility & Respect Pledge. The clerk will register this with NALC

10. 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	Outline application for single dwelling and detached garage, with all matters reserved	<i>No objections, observations submitted</i>	

21/0700	Land adj to Comrie Lea, Temple Sowerby	Erection of a bungalow	No objections	
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11. Accounts & Financial Report

Income:	1 Crossfell View – Nov/Dec /Jan	£ 810.00
	2 Crossfell View – Nov/Dec /Jan	£ 960.00
	3 Crossfell View – Nov/Dec /Jan	£ 780.00

Expenses:	ICO	£ 35.00
	Clerks expenses	£ 52.38
	Clerks backpay (Aug/Sept)	£ 69.32
	Website fees	£ 29.10
	SSL Certificate	£ 52.50
	Countrywide (Aug/Sept)	£ 770.00
	Clerks salary (Aug/Sept)	£ 953.34

Payments to authorise:

Playsafe Ltd	£ 98.40
Clerks expenses	£ 129.03
Clerks backpay (2023-24)	£ 416.04
Website fees - hosting	£ 33.95
Cliff Atkinson - CGV	£ 160.00
Countrywide (Oct – Feb)	£ 1924.00
Clerks salary (Oct – Feb))	£ 2730.00

- The clerk updated councillors on the bank reconciliation to date
- The 2024/25 budget was presented to the council and it was agreed that the precept request would remain as last year at £8500
- A letter to amend the standing order for the clerks salary was presented to the council for signing in light of the NALC pay increase for 2023/24

12. Correspondence

- All correspondence has been distributed

Meeting closed at 7.39pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday 25th March 2024 in the Victory Hall

Signed Date