

# TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Victory Hall

Present were Councillors Kevin Overs (KO), Caryl Varty (CV), Cliff Atkinson (CA), Andi Sambrook (AS) and Lisa Robinson (LR). Also present were Caroline Fancott-Beynon (CFB) (Clerk) and 7 parishioners

## 1. Apologies

None

## 2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February were distributed to councillors, agreed and signed by the Chair

## 3. Declarations of Interests

LR declared an interest in planning application 21/0700

CA declared an interest in Item 7 – Parish houses

## Requests for Dispensation

None

## 4. Adjournment of Meeting

None

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

- The clerk confirmed that the Civility and Respect Pledge had been lodged with NSLC

## 6. Role of the Parish Councillor

AS wished to clarify to parishioners what the role of the parish council was due to a number of queries. This was discussed and parishioners were pointed to the CALC website for further information

## 7. Parish Houses & Land

- The land rent for Greengarth is still outstanding – the clerk will chase.
- There are some works required on the parish houses. The chimney on 2CFV needs replacing – one quote has been obtained and another is due in the next week. The boiler in 1CFV also needs replacing. A number of quotes have been obtained and the parish council confirmed they would wish to go with the cheapest quote at £5635.20
- A 'sinking fund' for the parish houses was discussed. Currently money is transferred annually to the parish houses account to cover potential repairs etc however CV queried how much money the council should be working towards saving. The appointment of a surveyor to assess the houses and advise on an estimate of how much should be reserved for each property for works was

discussed. It was agreed that the clerk would contact CALC to see what other parishes put in place and also to identify if any grants were available for the houses.

### 8. Parish Issues (Village Greens/Trees/Footpaths etc)

- The clerk confirmed that an oak tree had been ordered for the Drying Green and is expected in early April. Councillors need to identify and agree a site for planting.
- The grass cutting quote had been received for the upcoming year with the price held as 2023/24. Previously this company has offered quotes far lower than any competitor and the council agreed to confirm their appointment for the upcoming year.
- The clerk has spoken with. Local firm who are coming to view the play area and offer quotes for replacement parts. Playdale had been contacted and wanted to send their own surveyor out to assess what was needed at a cost of £150 before offering quotes. This has not been the case in the past so the clerk will follow up on this.
- The Deed of Easement for the pub has been returned as the plan was not in colour – this was re-initialled by councillors and the clerk will return to the solicitors. The new owners of the pub confirmed they were speaking with planning about the removal of a tree, although this has not been received by the council as yet.
- The clerk has obtained quotes for the replacement of the section of fence damaged in an RTC last year. The council agreed to instruct the cheapest quote.
- It was highlighted that the village bins had not been emptied for the lasty month – the clerk would report this to the contracts manager. Also, the finger posts on the village green and at the bottom of Vicarage Lane still needed attention – again these would be reported.

### 9. Training & Development Updates

- CA confirmed dates to attend the new councillor training
- WEF Place Action Group feedback was given by CV. These are 4 zoom meetings held quarterly for local parishes with the idea being they could come together to tackle local issues.

### 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	<i>No objections</i>	

## 11. Accounts & Financial Report

<b>Income:</b>	1 Crossfell View – Feb/Mar	£ 540.00
	2 Crossfell View – Feb/ Mar	£ 640.00
	3 Crossfell View – Feb/Mar	£ 520.00

<b>Expenses:</b>	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

### Payments to authorise:

	Clerks backpay – Mar	£ 34.67
	Clerks expenses	£ 52.98
	Walker Heating – Boiler 1CFV	£ 163.80
	Oak Tree	£ 73.93
	Church donation – grass cutting	£ 500.00
	Countrywide (Mar)	£ 385.00
	Clerks salary (Mar)	£ 511.33

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

- A request had been received from the church for contribution towards upkeep of the cemetery. Previously NALC guidance had been that parish councils could not contribute towards church costs, however updated guidance following the Levelling Up Bill that was passed in December 2023 now suggests that parish councils have discretionary powers to contribute to wards churchyard upkeep. The church suggested an amount of £1000. The parish council agreed to donate £500 at the current time and that they would review a further request from the church later this year, and if funds were available would look to contribute further. The parish council did however ask to see some quotes for the works.
- The clerk conformed that the secretary of State had granted the A66 dualling in March and work was expected to commence later this year.
- Volunteers were requested to attend the Friends of Eden Valley Public Transport – AS would put this on the Whats App group

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.

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