

TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 15th May immediately following the APCM in the Victory Hall

Present were Councillors Caryl Varty (CV), Cliff Atkinson (CA), Andi Sambrook (AS) and Lisa Robinson (LR). Also present were Caroline Fancott-Beynon (CFB) (Clerk), Lorna Baker (W&F) and 6 parishioners

1. Apologies

Kevin Overs (KO),

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2024 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 6 – Parish houses

Requests for Dispensation

None

4. Adjournment of Meeting

A parishioner raised a query regarding water flowing from the village green during a period of heavy rain. There was some discussion regarding this, and a query as to whether it was possibly the old well however this was filled a number of years ago. It was thought it was in fact an overflow from some rainwater drains that given the heavy rain had risen, however councillor will keep an eye out during any further heavy spells and if need be, investigate the source.

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

- The clerk confirmed that TSPC had been selected out of 79 applications to move forward with the proposed 20mph limit from the play area round past the school. There is a meeting taking place on 23/05/24 which CV confirmed she would attend. No other councillors were available.

6. Parish Houses & Land

- The clerk confirmed with the council that land rents will remain the same for the upcoming year, letter will be sent out in due course.
- Quotes were received for chimney works on 2CFV. Despite declaring an interest in this as having submitted a quote for the work, CA was permitted by councillors to stay present for the discussion. Two quotes were received and these were discussed. One quote was in greater detail than the other, with a breakdown and also additional items listed and as such the clerk will clarify details on the second quote. It was resolved that once these details were obtained, the council would agree to go ahead with the cheaper quote.

- The boiler in 1CFV has now been replaced
- 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 there is question as to how much money should be reserved. The clerk had made enquiries with both CALC and on the Cumbria clerks forum but had received no response. On a national forum, clerks had responded to varying degrees, with many councils in a similar situation, whilst others suggested 25% market value per property should be reserved which it was agreed is unobtainable. The clerk will continue making enquiries.

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

- The clerk confirmed that an oak tree has now been planted on the Drying Green to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III. The clerk will obtain quotes for a tree survey to be undertaken this summer
- The clerk has spoken with a local firm who have been to look at the play area and are currently preparing a quote for replacement parts. Details have also been sent to Playdale.
- The flag on the flagpole is looking very worse for wear so quotes were obtained and it was agreed to purchase a new Union jack flag to be flown at significant events.
- The owners of the pub have contacted the council to request if they can place a small flower bed on the village green by the sign. In principle there was no objection to this by councillors, however due to village green legislation, advice was sought from CALC who in turn sought advice from Wellers Hedley. The solicitors stated that a small flower bed would be deemed acceptable on a Village Green.

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	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 – LR requested it be noted the impact that the long delay was having on the applicants and their inability to retire despite their</i>	

			<i>advancing age until the planning permission is passed and they can build their house. Lorna Baker agreed to chase this up with the planning authority</i>	
2024/0586/FPA	Acorn Bank, Temple Sowerby	<i>Change of use of agricultural/park land to additional garden and create composting area</i>	<i>No Objections – however comment to add that the old compost area should be returned to its natural state</i>	
2024/0559/LBC	Kings Arms, Temple Sowerby	<i>Listed building consent for the retrospective removal of internal wall and floor</i>	<i>No Objections</i>	
2024/0489/TCA	Kings Arms, Temple Sowerby	<i>X1 conifer to fell to ground level, due to proximity to building and movement within dry stone wall it is perched on top of, wall is bulging due to root growth</i>	<i>No Objections</i>	

9. Accounts & Financial Report

Income:	1 Crossfell View – Apr/May	£ 540.00
	2 Crossfell View – Apr/ May	£ 640.00
	3 Crossfell View – Apr/May	£ 520.00
Expenses:	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

Payments to authorise:

Clerks backpay – Apr	£	34.67
Clerks expenses	£	134.82
Namecheap – domain name	£	7.74
Hall Hire	£	200.00
Insurance	£	1464.65
CALC Membership	£	204.32
Internal Audit	£	50.00
Walker Heating – Boiler 1CFV	£	2817.60
Defib pads	£	71.94
Countrywide (Apr)	£	385.00
Clerks Salary (Apr)	£	511.33

- The clerk updated councillors on the bank reconciliation to date
- There was a discussion regarding moving the bank accounts from HSBC to Unity Bank which is a bank that specialises in parish councils. The clerk was going to try and attend an information session to gain further details and will feedback but the council were generally in agreement of this

10. Correspondence

- A letter of thanks has been received from the Church for the recent donation
- The clerk conformed that despite the secretary of State granting the A66 dualling in March, a legal challenge was now in place which had halted progress. Lorna baker stated that archaeological works were continuing and work was expected to now start in April 2025.
- A wayleave request has been received from Electricity North West for permission to site an underground electric cable to Counting House barn. This was agreed.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed Date