

TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday 25th November at 7pm in the Victory Hall

Present were Councillors Kevin Overs (KO), Caryl Varty (CV), Lisa Robinson (LR), Cliff Atkinson (CA) and Andi Sambrook (AS). Also present were Caroline Fancott-Beynon (CFB) (Clerk), Naomi Callaghan (incoming clerk), Lorna Baker (LB) (W&F) and 5 parishioners

1. Apologies

None

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2024 were distributed to councillors, agreed and signed by the Chair

3. Declarations of Interests

None

Requests for Dispensation

None

4. Adjournment of Meeting

A parishioner raised a concern regarding cars parking up along the side of the play area when funeral teas are held at the pub and wondered if this could be dangerous for children. It was agreed that the council could purchase some no parking signs to put up along the play area roadside.

A parishioner raised a concern regarding a large van that parks at the end of the parking bays behind the church being stuck out in to the road and therefore forcing pedestrians out in to the road. It was agreed CV would place a polite note on the van.

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

Two signs have been purchased for the play area advising no dogs. It was requested if something similar could be placed near the football goals due to dog fouling.

6. Clerk Vacancy

It was noted that the current clerk has resigned from the position after 7 years and that following successful interview, the new clerk will be Naomi Callaghan. The outgoing clerk will arrange handover of council business

7. Parish Houses & Land

- o The parish lands rents are now paid in full

- The clerk has been investigating past minutes and documents regarding 1CFV being on the rent register. The clerk read out some minutes from a meeting of the Parish Houses Trustees dated 5th April 2004 following the death of the tenant of 1CFV. A discussion was held as the council had been approached regarding the situation of the deceased tenants son who lived with him at the property. The minutes record that the clerk had spoken to the Rent Office and an up to date booklet was obtained from which the clerk informed councillors and trustees that following the death, the deceased's son has a protected assured tenancy but not regulated and it would be at market rent. The current clerk has, as yet, been unable to find any correspondence between the council and the Rent Office confirming the change in tenant or the position regarding the registered rent.

The clerk has spoken directly with the Valuation Office to obtain advice. They have advised that a regulated tenancy can pass through succession where someone who meets the stated conditions inherits the regulated tenancy after the tenant dies. In this case, the spouse, civil partner or cohabitee would become the regulated tenant, or another family member if they lived with the tenant for at least two years prior to their death. In the case of 1CFV, the current tenant would have inherited the regulated tenancy under succession. The Valuation Office confirmed they have not received any notification of the property no longer being regulated or a change in tenant – the last correspondence they have relates to the regulated tenancy being set up and the subsequent rent increase applications and that the rent they have listed is as per the last rent application dated 27/03/2003. The Valuation Office stated that the council can apply to have the property removed from the register, and the clerk has completed this application on behalf of the council.

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

- The clerk has confirmed that following the last meeting, the tree management survey has been booked and is scheduled to take place in January
- The clerk has been in corresponding with Playdale to obtain a quote for the necessary works. Some further photos were required of the relevant parts, which the clerk has sent on to Playdale.
- A new flag has been purchased for the flagpole. CA should have access to a cherry picker to allow access to the flag to remove it and check the condition and size of the existing rope.
- Following the public consultation , the proposed 20mph scheme for Temple Sowerby has been accepted by W&F Council and will be put before Eden Locality Board for progression to statutory consultation and advertisement of the Traffic Regulation Order. This is expected to take place in January.
- The solicitors have been in contact regarding transferring the Deed of Easement for access over the Village Green to the new owners. This was agreed by the council
- Lorna Baker informed the council that's he had some funding available for a project within the parish, and that it could be spent on anything the council deemed fit. The council agreed they would like to apply for the funding towards the play area improvements or new goalposts.

9. 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>	
2024/1479/FPA	Acorn Bank, Temple Sowerby	<i>Variation of condition 2 (plans compliance) for the replacement of the degraded 'turfmesh' with Golpla grass & gravel reinforcement system, attached to approval 15/0712</i>	<i>No objections</i>	GRANTED
2024/1416/TCA	Torridon, Temple Sowerby	<i>Fell apple tree in conservation area</i>	<i>No Objections</i>	GRANTED
2024/1655/TCA	Longacres, Temple Sowerby	<i>Fell to ground level a single young ash tree due to ash dieback</i>	<i>No Objections (to ratify)</i>	

10. Accounts & Financial Report

Income:	1 Crossfell View – Oct/Nov	£ 540.00
	2 Crossfell View – Oct/ Nov	£ 640.00
	3 Crossfell View – Oct/Nov	£ 520.00
Expenses:	Clerks backpay (Aug/Sept)	£ 69.34
	Clerks expenses	£ 71.11
	Rospa	£ 103.20
	Hall Hire	£ 15.00
	Cliff Atkinson – Chimney Works	£ 3400.00
	Simpson Plumbing & Heating	£ 188.35
	ICO	£ 35.00
	Countrywide – Aug/Sept	£ 770.00
	Clerks Salary – Aug/Sept	£ 511.33
Payments to authorise:		
	Clerks backpay (Oct/Nov)	£ 69.34
	Clerks expenses	£ 75.67
	NALC pay increase	£ 171.92

Hall Hire	£	35.00
Play area signs	£	35.15
Website renewal	£	34.11
Countrywide -Oct/Nov	£	385.00
Clerks salary – Oct/Nov	£	511.33

- The clerk updated councillors on the bank reconciliation to date.
- The clerk presented the proposed budget to the council with a number of options for the precept request. The budget was discussed in detail and it was agreed that maintenance cost from the parish houses would need to be transferred back in to the current account to make up the shortfall. CV was very concerned that we would be transferring funds from the parish houses fund, since she said we would have future significant liabilities regarding energy efficiency upgrade and it was likely to result in a need for a significant increase in the precept in future. The clerk also presented the precept requests for the last 10 years which indicated that there had only been a £2000 increase in precept over this time; this could account for the low reserves now in place. The council agreed to request a precept of £12,500 for the upcoming year. As the precept request does not need to be submitted until mid-January, it was agreed that this would be reviewed at the next meeting when the play area quote should be returned.

11. Correspondence

- All correspondence has been shared with the council

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Signed Date