

TEMPLE SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Tuesday 3rd November 2020 at 7pm. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this was a virtual meeting open to the public via Zoom conferencing.

Present were Councillors Kevin Overs (KO), Caryl Varty (CV) and Phil Farrell (PF). Also present were Caroline Fancott-Beynon (CFB) (Clerk) along with 3 parishioners

Item 1 – Apologies – Cllr Andi Sambrook (AS)

Item 2 – Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2020 be confirmed as a true record. These will be signed by the Chair at the next available opportunity.

Item 3 – Declarations of Interests – PF has an interest in Item 9 Access over Village Green to Brooklyn – he will refrain from any decision making or discussion on this matter unless to answer a question from the council

Requests for Dispensation – None

Item 4 – Adjournment of Meeting

Due to the nature of the meeting, it was requested that any comments from parishioners be submitted in advance. These were as follows:

- Streetlight is out at the junction by the play area and village hall. Clerk has reported this to EDC however if it is anything other than a replacement bulb then EDC may decide not to fix the light following devolution of assets
- There have been reports that a large tractor and low loader have been parking on the bottom village green, opposite the parish houses throughout the summer, causing damage to the grass. Clerk requested parishioner to inform if it returns, and councillors aware.
- Concerns have been raised regarding planning at the Old Blacksmiths and the impact this may have on parking on the village green, and to those who already park in that vicinity. No current planning has been received but this is something the council can look at as and when planning is submitted for the site.
- A query was raised regarding the access over the village green for Brooklyn. Councillors agreed to discuss this under Item 9.

Item 5 – Chairman will report on matters from last minutes, not listed on agenda.

- Dates for Effective Councillor course have been released as 09/12 1ne 16/12 for PF and AS
- Clerks annual appraisal had been completed and agreed

Item 6 – Councillor Vacancy

- The council have received three applications for the councillor vacancy. It was felt that the council would like to arrange an informal meeting with each applicant before reaching any decision. Due to the impending lockdown, it was agreed that this would hopefully be arranged for December with a view to co-opt in January. Clerk will liaise with candidates

Item 7 – Parish Houses & Land

- 3CFV chimney work is outstanding – builder is aware, clerk will chase up
- Parish Land Rents are due for 2020/21. It was unanimously agreed not to increase land rents for this year.

Item 8 – Planning Matters

- Planning Application 20/0490 – *Land SE of Templars Court, Temple Sowerby – Discharge of condition 5 & 6 (foul & surface water drainage), attached to approval 17/0334 – Observations submitted – Reserved by Conditional Approval*
- Planning Application 20/0489 – *Land SE of Templars Court, Temple Sowerby – Discharge of condition 2, attached to approval 20/0191 – Reserved by Conditional Approval*
- Planning Application 20/0435 – *Greenfield House, Temple Sowerby – Part retrospective application to resurface tarmacked and block paved areas and the erection of two fences including gates - GRANTED*
- Planning Application 20/0362 – *barn adj to Counting House, Temple Sowerby – variation of condition 2 (plans compliance), condition 6 (surface water drainage scheme), 8 (sustainable surface water drainage scheme) and 10 (emerging activity survey) attached to approval 19/0058 – Observations submitted. As there has been no further feedback on this application, the clerk will contact the applicants to enquire if there are any outstanding issues.*
- Planning Application 20/0554 – *Cedars, Temple Sowerby – Listed building consent for the instillation of two slate vents in the roof to allow ventilation from bathroom extractor fans – no objections - GRANTED*
- Planning Application 20/0544 – *Land SE Templars Court, Temple Sowerby – Proposed sunroom and double garage to unit 1 and the instillation of solar panels to units 1,2,3 & 4 following planning consent 20/0191 – observations submitted - GRANTED*

Item 9 – Village Greens, Play Area, Trees, etc

- The work outside Brooklyn to improve the access over the village green has now been completed. It was agreed at the last meeting that grasscrete would be placed on the village green. However, following the meeting PF contacted councillors as the contractor advised him that grasscrete wouldn't work in that area and would probably end up looking in a worse state. Councillors agreed outside of a meeting that gravel could be placed instead. This decision was made to allow PF to start the work before any inclement weather. The council ratified this decision.

A parishioner has raised a query to the clerk as to why gravel had been placed over such a large area of green, and felt this may set a precedent for other houses in the village. KO also stated he had received a number of queries regarding the gravel. It was highlighted that this item had been on the agenda of the last two meetings and any discussions had been minuted. At no point during the previous discussions had concerns been raised by parishioners. Also, whilst it is not obvious without looking at land registry plans, PF's boundary is actually much lower on the green than it appears. Rather than have two different surfaces over PF's land and the village green, the two parties wanted

to work together to agree on a suitable covering. Councillors felt that a precedent had not been set, as they would look at each case on its own merit.

- KO confirmed that the fence should be getting removed and replaced as soon as possible
- The clerk confirmed that SWH Tree services had completed the work in the village. Some areas of concern were highlighted relating to three lime trees, that whilst not currently dangerous, could potentially become dangerous if there were to be any storm damage. It was agreed that SWH should complete the necessary work as soon as possible. Clerk will liaise with EDC regarding the relevant permissions.

A parishioner has contacted the council to enquire if, when new trees are planted, one could be done in memory of baby that was fostered in the village up to 9 months old, so that he would always have a link to the village. Councillors agreed with this and will discuss when trees are due to be planted. The clerk will try and liaise with Mr Stables for advice regarding tree planting with a view to plant in the spring

- Issues have been reported regarding boy racers using the village as a circuit between the two A66 junctions. The clerk contacted the PCSO who has informed that they will increase evening patrols. It was stressed that parishioners should ring 111 at the time if there are any concerns then police can attend and deal with the issue as it's happening.
- A number of Highways issues have been reported. KO confirmed that the drains have been cleared outside Eden Garage however the pipe running between the drains has not, resulting in water running down the road. Clerk has reported this but will do so again.
- Further to the concerns regarding littering between the village and the Culgaith junction, a meeting was held with EDC and a new litterbin has been placed near the cricket club.

Item 10 – Website

- Angela Mathers has contacted the clerk due to a number of issues with the website following an update to Wordpress. CFB contact Phil Guest who originally built the website who stated it would need rebuilding to a newer version of Wordpress at a cost of £250. Council were happy to have the required work done but questioned whether it would make sense to start from scratch and rebuild the website with a different host so as to increase the longevity of the site and not have the same problem in another couple of years. CFB will liaise with Angela and Phil and report back

Item 11– Accounts and Financial Report

Income:	1 Crossfell View – Sept & Oct	£ 540.00
	2 Crossfell View – Sept & Oct	£ 640.00
	3 Crossfell View – Sept & Oct	£ 455.00
Expenses:	Clerks Salary (Sept/Oct)	£ 924.22
	Countrywide (Aug/Sept)	£ 700.00
	Clerks expenses	£ 71.65
	RoSpa	£ 90.60
	Defibrillator pads	£ 33.60
	Clerks backpay (salary increment)	£ 74.88

Cheques to authorise:

Countrywide (Oct/Nov)	£ 700.00
Clerks expenses	£ 67.04
North West Arboriculturalist Ltd	£ 714.00
Logic (2CFV)	£ 200.08

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

Item 12 - Correspondence

- External Code of Conduct training is taking place on 25/11 at a cost of £20 per delegate. CV and PF have confirmed they would like to attend. CFB will liaise with AS.
- A questionnaire was received regarding the Local Government Reform requesting views of the council and parishioners. It was felt that this wasn't something the council could respond to, as it was a more individual questionnaire. The link will be made available via the village What's App group and the website.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm. The next meeting will be held on 12th January 2021. The location of the meeting will be decided nearer the time as to whether it will be practical to hold a full meeting or if it should remain a virtual meeting.

Signed Date