

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council
held on Thursday 8th December at 7.30pm in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Annexe.

Present: Cllr M Robson (Chairman), Cllr P Bardon, Cllr T Beadle, Cllr G France, Cllr D Hannan, Cllr A Jackson, Cllr C Snowden and Cllr E Storm.

Also present: Eleven members of the public and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

22/091 Members of the public

A resident commented on the York Road Developers Meeting and noted that 91% of people who attended objected to it. They also noted that the consultation closure is 6th Jan and assumes any meeting will be pre 6th Jan. Cllr Robson advised that, due to the amended plans, the consultation period will be extended.

Cllr France asked who the group was. Formal association etc? No.

22/092 Apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest

It was resolved that apologies for absence be accepted from Cllr Hoyland

County Cllr Whitfield was not present.

Cllr Bardon declared an interest in application 22/02618/FUL.

22/093 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 10th November 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 10th November be approved

22/094 North Yorkshire Police

No report had been received from North Yorkshire Police

Cllr Bardon noted there is an ongoing issue with parking along Topcliffe Road at the schools and the Clerk will report this.

22/095 Report from the County Councillor on items of relevance to Sowerby

No report had been received from Cllr Whitfield and issues previously raised are still ongoing.

22/096 Reports from District Councillors

Cllr Robson advised that HDC were keen to distribute Community Infrastructure Levy money in Hambleton and there are a number of projects which have been identified to use this, in the area.

A Warm Spaces Fund had been launched to allow groups to claim up to £500 to support their groups and £30,000 has been put towards local food banks.

Increased fuel and heating costs are affecting the District Council along with the Local Government Pay Award for all staff.

22/097 To consider a request to receive a short report from a local group, regarding protecting open spaces throughout the Parish and agree next steps.

Cllr Robson shared some advice from the YLCA regarding registering private land as village greens

It was confirmed that the Parish Council has very limited powers, the Flatts area is already protected and the areas of Village Green on Front Street are also protected.

Discussion took place and it was agreed that, across the village, there will be many differing views and it was confirmed that the group is not a formal association at this stage.

Signed
Chairman
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It was resolved that the Parish Council will receive a presentation from the group regarding their concerns at the Parish Council meeting in February (15 mins)

22/098 To receive and approve an updated quotation for village maintenance (2 years) and grass cutting for (5 years) Three contractors had been contacted, but only one detailed quotation had been received. It is expected that the only additional work would be gritting and emergency maintenance.

It was resolved that the quotation be accepted and the Clerk will inform the contractor

22/099 Planning

a. To note Decisions

b. To consider new Applications

See appendix i

It was resolved that the Clerk will feed back comments to the planning authority

c. To agree the date of an extraordinary meeting to discuss planning application 22/02594/OUT

Outline application for mixed used development of commercial and light industrial complex York Road

Clr Robson advised that the Parish Council has had an extension of time granted for their submission of comments but residents should comment in line with the publicised response time.

It was resolved that an Extraordinary Meeting will be held on Saturday 14th January at 10.30am in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall to discuss this application

22/100 Financial Matters

1. To note Receipts

2. To Note and Approve Payments

It was resolved that receipts be noted and payments approved

3. To consider a request for a donation from Thirsk Community Library

Discussion took place regarding the library and it was noted that their reserves are in excess of the Charity Commission recommended level of 18 months. Councillors noted the good work done by the Library and would be pleased to consider a request for a donation in the next financial year.

It was resolved that no donation will be made this year to the Library

4. To consider a request for a donation from Thirsk Christmas Lights

It was resolved that a donation of £250 be made to Thirsk Christmas Lights Appeal

5. To consider and agree the Parish Precept for 2023/2024 in line with the budget

It was resolved that the precept will be increased to £101,000 for the financial year 2023/2024

22/101 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

It was confirmed that asylum seekers are not coming to Northallerton at this stage.

22/102 Correspondence for information only

Items of correspondence which have been circulated between meetings require no further action.

- A letter had been received regarding the planting of a replacement tree on Front Street following the recent works. Councillors agreed that this tree had been placed in an inappropriate area and would be moved. It was also agreed that one in the sight line of a junction will also be reviewed.
- Clr Robson had also received an email noting the woodchip had been left at the end of the village. This has been removed.

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22/103 Reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

Cllr Snowden reiterated that he remains in his role as a trustee at Community Works and, as such, will share information with the Parish Council as appropriate.

22/104 Any other business that may be legally discussed

Items requiring a decision will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting

- The central area at the allotment area is not well maintained and the Clerk will arrange to deal with this.
- Shrubs in Memorial Park are sparse, despite having some being replaced.
- Sowerby WI planted a commemorative tree on the Memorial Park where a previous tree had been removed.
- Safety matting has been left in the play area for the new equipment and this will be moved in advance of installation.
- Cllr France asked if Outdoor Gym Equipment could be put around the Sports Village track. This is in the forward programme.
- Replacement baby swing seats have been installed.

22/105 The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Extraordinary Meeting on Saturday 14th January 2023 and an Ordinary Meeting on Thursday 9th February 2023

Best wishes were offered to councillors for a Happy Christmas.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed
Chairman
Date

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Appendix i Planning

Decisions

22/01937/FUL 74 Topcliffe Road Proposed single storey rear and side extension	WTSA	Granted
22/02295/FUL 16 South Terrace Revised application for demolition of conservatory, construction of a replacement porch to the rear and 2no. replacement windows	WTSA	Granted
22/02405/CAT 42 Topcliffe Road Works to tree in a Conservation Area	WTSA	Granted
22/02369/FUL 64 Front Street Construction of dormer to rear elevation	WTSA	Granted

Applications

22/02594/OUT Outline Application for mixed use development York Road
To be covered at a separate meeting in January 2023

Retrospective Applications for Thirsk Auction Mart:

22/02593/FUL Part Retrospective Change of Use to Vehicle Repair and Washdown

22/02645/FUL Retrospective Change of Use to Dog Training and Agility Facility

22/02646/FUL Retrospective Change of Use to Gymnastics School

22/02647/FUL Retrospective Change of Use to Personal Training Studio

22/02648/FUL Retrospective Change of Use to External Machinery Storage Compound

22/02650/FUL Retrospective Change of Use to Agricultural and Plant Training Facility with siting of buildings

Councillors wish to see these applications approved, however concerns were raised that the Auction Mart site has been developed to incorporate businesses that are not in keeping with the original approval for the site and as such would like this to be noted by the planning authority.

22/02678/FUL Installation of Drainage Headwall Land Between Cod Beck and Bankside Close WTSA

22/02740/FUL Revised Application for Replacement Windows 12 Topcliffe Road WSTR

Councillors welcome the wooden windows but wish to see the UPVC ones in the approved versions as this property is within the Article 4 directive.

22/02716/FUL Rear Extension and Garden Room 25 Danum Avenue WTSA

22/02727/FUL Demolition of a bungalow and replace with 3 dwellings 101 Front Street WTSA

22/02662/FUL Demolition of Conservatory, extension, solar panels and replacement windows
Greenways, 75 Sowerby Road WTSA

22/02618/FUL Change of Use from hairdresser to beautician and hairdresser 1 Sowerby Road WSTA

Signed
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