

# *Sowerby Parish Council*

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council  
on Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7.30pm in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Annexe.

**Present:** Cllr M Robson (Chairman), Cllr P Bardon, Cllr T Beadle, Cllr D Gray, Cllr S Hoyland, Cllr A Jackson and Cllr E Storm.

**Also present:** Two members of the public, Cllr B Baker and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

## **Members of the Public**

A resident raised the issue with the Sports Village gate and trees. Cllr Robson advised that this had been reported and would be done on the contractors works programme.

They also requested an update from Cllr Baker about the white lining, but this has not been dealt with yet.

21/110 Apologies for absence and to receive declarations of interest

**It was resolved that apologies be noted and accepted from Cllrs G France, D Hannan, C Snowden and A Turner**

21/111 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 10th February 2022

**It was resolved that the minutes of the meetings be accepted and signed as a correct record**

21/112 A report was circulated by the PCSO.

21/113 A report was received from County Councillor Baker on items of relevance to Sowerby.

Cllr Baker updated that NYCC increased their council tax by 3.99%. He also noted this would be his last meeting as the NYCC Councillor for Sowerby and thanked the councillors for their support and looked forward to continuing to attend the Sowerby events.

Cllr Robson wished to offer thanks to Cllr Baker for his work in the Sowerby division over the last 9 years.

Cllr Hoyland commented on the issues with North Yorkshire Pension Fund investing in Russia, but no further information is available.

21/114 Reports from District Councillors

HDC has levied a £5 increase to Council Tax. MAD Grants and Bounceback Grants were confirmed at Cabinet and, due to high demand, £397,000 has been put into this fund with £146,000 going to the Thirsk and Sowerby area, including Sowerby Parochial Hall and the Town Hall toilet project.

A new play area at Sowerby Gateway is due to start on Monday 14th March.

21/115 Matters arising from minutes for information only.

1. The Local Plan was adopted by HDC and this is currently within a 6 week judicial review period.
2. Maple Park Crematorium open day was well attended and positive feedback has been received.
3. Town End works are scheduled around other works programmes in the town, it is expected to be 18th June.
4. The Traffic Order for parking at the Leisure Centre will begin on Monday
5. A small hedge has been planted in Freemans Way.
6. Play Area open and close volunteers have been secured and thanks offered to them for their help.

Signed  
Chairman  
Date

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## 21/116 Platinum Jubilee

The location of the Queen's Jubilee Commemorative Bench and Jubilee Tree planting was discussed. Plaques for the Jubilee are in place in the Church wall.

**It was resolved that 12 Fruit Trees be planted in Potters Memorial Field to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee**

**It was resolved that a commemorative bench will be situated on an existing base in the Memorial Park**

**It was resolved that the Clerk will liaise with the Reverend Biggs regarding a celebratory event**

## 21/117 Planning

1. No decisions or applications had been received since the last meeting.

## 21/118 Financial Matters

1. To note Receipts
2. To note and approve Payments Appendix iii

**It was resolved that receipts be noted and payments be approved**

**It was resolved that the Parish Council will be making the payment to SWARCO for the repair of the VAS machine but this will be reclaimed from NYCC**

**It was resolved that, as joint owners of the Town Hall, the Parish Council will receive grant funding towards the toilet renovation project and invoices will be directed to the Parish Council**

3. A request had been received for a donation to a community Spring Fair on 30th April, including Crime Stoppers and with a view to supporting work against Rural Crime in the area. They have identified a requirement of £560 to cover leaflets and publicity items.

**It was resolved that £250 would be donated to this event**

## 21/119 Late correspondence for information only

*Items circulated by email between meetings*

1. Councillors considered the following correspondence:
  - a. A letter from a resident regarding a planning matter.
  - b. A letter from the Parochial Church Council.
  - c. Nomination packs had been received for councillors from the electoral office.
  - d. A letter re hedge planting in Freemans Way has been received and the Clerk will respond to advise that this was a council decision to give the least impact, on council land, whilst taking note of complaints from residents regarding the ball games being played in the area. The council does not intend to allow this hedge to grow above 5ft.

## 21/120 Reports from Sub Committees

Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Management Committee had agreed an increase of approx 5% in hire charges from 1st April and the Toilet Refurbishment project will begin on 14th March.

## 21/121 No other business was noted

## 21/122 It was agreed that the date of the next meeting is Thursday 21st April 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed  
Chairman  
Date