

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Sowerby held at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Annexe on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr M Robson (Chairman), Cllr G France, Cllr D Hannan, Cllr A Jackson, Cllr C Snowden and Cllr E Storm.
Also present: Cllr C Parker Elland, (Dalton Parish Council) and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr P Bardon, Cllr T Beadle, Cllr D Gray and Cllr S Hoyland.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held Thursday 13th May 2021 were noted
3. Reports were presented:
 - a. Hambleton District Council
 - b. The Chairman of the Parish Council
 - c. The Chairman of Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Committee
 - d. Flatts Preservation Trust
 - e. No report was received from North Yorkshire County Council
4. No other business or questions from members of the electorate
5. The date of the next annual meeting was confirmed as Thursday 11th May 2023

The meeting closed at 7.37pm.

Signed
Chairman
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22/001 Election of Chairman

Cllr Hannan proposed that Cllr Robson be elected as Chairman, Cllr Jackson seconded this and carried unanimously.
It was resolved that Cllr M Robson be Chairman of Sowerby Parish Council for the year 2022/2023

22/002 Cllr Robson completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

22/003 Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr P Bardon, Cllr T Beadle, Cllr D Gray and Cllr S Hoyland.

22/004 No Declarations of Interest received and Councillors confirmed their Register of Interests are up to date.

22/005 Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held Thursday 13th May 2021 were noted.

22/006 Election of Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Robson proposed Cllr P Bardon, this was seconded by Cllr France and carried unanimously.

It was resolved that Cllr P Bardon be Vice Chairman of Sowerby Parish Council for the year 2022/2023

22/007 Members were allocated to committees as follows:

Sowerby Parish Council Committees	Membership
Complaints Committee	A panel of 3 made up of available Councillors
Flatts Preservation Trust	Cllr. Robson
Greens & Play Area	Cllrs. Robson, Beadle, Jackson, Hoyland and Gray
Thirsk and Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity	Cllr. France
HR Committee	Chairman, Vice Chairman and one additional person
Planning Committee	Full Council
Play Area Open and Locking	Two Volunteers
Rail Users Group	Cllrs. Hoyland and Storm

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Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall	Cllrs France, Robson and Storm
Thirsk and Sowerby Festival on the Flatts	Cllr Jackson
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations	Cllrs. Hoyland, Beadle & the Clerk

Cllr Snowden will also continue to report to Sowerby Parish Council on the operations of Community Works.

22/008 The date of the next annual meeting was confirmed as Thursday 11th May 2023.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council held at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Annexe on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7.30pm

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Also present: Cllr C Parker Elland, (Dalton Parish Council) and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

22/009 Members of the Public

No members of the public were present.

22/010 Apologies for Absence

It was resolved apologies for absence be received and accepted from Cllr P Bardon, Cllr T Beadle, Cllr D Gray and Cllr S Hoyland.

22/011 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on Thursday 21st April 2022

It was resolved the minutes be approved as a correct record

22/012 North Yorkshire Police

A report from North Yorkshire Police was circulated by the PCSO, who had to leave to attend an emergency.

22/013 Report from North Yorkshire County Council

Cllr D Whitfield was not present.

22/014 Report from District Councillors

Cllr Robson had updated councillors on HDC matters at the Annual Meeting.

22/015 To update council on matters arising from the minutes for information only:

1. Cllr Robson is in communication with the residents in Sowerby who are supporting Ukrainian Refugees
2. A new plaque for the gate has been ordered for Potters Memorial Field

22/016 Planning Applications

22/01007/FUL St Claire House, 90a Front Street Sowerby

It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

22/016 Financial Matters

Receipts

£40,000 Precept

To Note and Approve Payments

see appendix ii

It was resolved that the receipts be noted and payments be made

22/017 To receive Correspondence for information only

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

A follow up letter had been received from a resident regarding grass cutting.

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22/018 To receive Reports from Sub Committees

- a) Cllr France updated that the Town Hall toilet refurbishment is an excellent job, much more modern and easier to clean. Thanks to A Robson for her hard work in keeping the project on track.
- b) Cllr Snowden advised that the Community Works shop in the town is closing for a refurbishment and a new facility is being investigated for storage.
- c) Cllr Storm noted that a meeting is planned for a Rail Users group and she commended the work of the staff at the station for assisting their travellers.

22/019 Any other business that may be legally discussed.

- a) Cllr Jackson raised concerns about the damage to the hedgerow on Back Lane and has raised questions with the planning authority regarding the dispensation. He feels strongly that this is completely wrong and immoral. Cllr Robson updated that he had a stop put on it and the planning department at HDC investigated to ensure there was an inspection from a qualified body. There will be an investigation from the Police.
- b) Cllr Snowden is keeping the benches clean at the Cenotaph, he is concerned there is damage to them from birds. Cllr Jackson has also offered to help with this.
- c) A resident has commented to Cllr Snowden about booking a slot at the swimming pool as the process is complicated. Cllr Robson will look into this.
- d) Cllr Hannan asked if there would be any financial impact on the local councils when refugees are rehoused in Linton On Ouse. Cllr Robson advised that no, it will be a government managed project, however the local housing authority will be required to house any refugees whose residency applications are successful. Policing will come out of a separate fund, however as Linton On Ouse is in the same area of Police management and Cllr Robson has been reassured that the local officers will not be required to attend this site.
- e) Cllr Robson noted that the remedial work at Parochial Hall entrance needs to be done and the Clerk will progress this. It is quite a substantial piece of work at this time as it needs to be scraped back.
- f) Further conversations have taken place with the residents who want to donate some play equipment and the Clerk will progress this
- g) Play Area Inspections have taken place and some remedial work is required. The contractor will look into this.

22/020 Date of next meeting

It was resolved the date of the next meeting will be Thursday 9th June 2022

22/021 The meeting closed at 8.13pm

Signed
Chairman
Date