

# *Sowerby Parish Council*

## **Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council held at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Annexe on Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr M Robson; Cllr P Bardon; Cllr P Beadle; Cllr Y Bowling; Cllr G France; Cllr S Hoyland; Cllr A Jackson;  
Cllr C Snowden; Cllr E Storm and Cllr K Till.

**Also Present:** Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

24/009 Members of the public to raise any items of importance

No members of the public were present.

24/010 To receive apologies for absence

**It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr A Turner**

Cllr D Sladden, NYC, also offered apologies.

24/011 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 11th April 2024

**It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 11th April 2024 be approved**

24/012 To receive report from North Yorkshire Police

A report had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

A person is riding a bike on the footpaths in the village, this will be reported to the police.

24/013 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council on items of relevance to Sowerby

Cllr Sladden had sent a report in advance of the meeting. Councillors discussed in detail the outstanding issue of the bus service provision for the gateway. The funding for this was paid by the developer prior to the implementation of the Unitary Authority. Councillors are keen that Cllr Sladden takes a very strong approach to this matter on behalf of the council. Cllr Robson is meeting him to discuss this and other items of importance.

24/014 Planning Applications

ZB24/00740/FUL Extension to provide additional workshop space

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

23/015 Financial Matters

Receipts

To Note and Approve Payments

see appendix ii

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

24/016 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

- The volunteer request has been put on the notice boards and website and this will be kept open until the next meeting.
- An acknowledgement from B Mason NYC has been received regarding the one way system on Blue Row.

24/017 To receive correspondence for information only

- A number of pieces of correspondence have been received regarding the lack of grass cutting on Topcliffe Road and the Gateway. Councillors are concerned that this is not being looked after in the way they would wish to see, for Sowerby

Signed

Chairman

Date

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Residents and whilst it is not the responsibility of Sowerby Parish Council, comments have been passed to the relevant stakeholders and the Clerk is in communication with NYC with a view to resolving this as soon as possible.

- An email had been received regarding the most recent council tax increase, this has been responded to by the Clerk.
- An email had been received regarding fly tipping on land at Cedar Road, which has been reported to the land owner via the planning consultant representing them.
- A resident has written to the council again about speeding on the Gateway, Cllr Robson will discuss this with Cllr Sladden and a Police Officer to establish any actions that can be taken.

23/018 Any other business that may be legally discussed

- Cllr France feels that it is imperative that the NYC Councillor understand the importance of attending SPC meetings, as councillors are keen to engage him in parish matters.
- Rev Elizabeth Baxter is leaving Holyrood House and a celebration of her time there will take place on Saturday 11th May. Cllr Y Bowling will read a short statement offering her thanks, on behalf of the Parish Council, at this event.
- Benches in the village are looking untidy so work will be arranged by the Clerk to improve these.
- A wreath will be laid and a D-Day Flag flown in commemoration on Thursday 6th June at 11am.
- A site visit of Front Street and Worlds End will take place on Wednesday 5th June at 6pm.

23/019 To confirm the date of next meeting

**It was resolved that the next meeting will be Thursday 13th June 2024 at 19:30**

The meeting closed at 20:40

Signed  
Chairman  
Date