

# *Sowerby Parish Council*

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council  
on Thursday 21st October 2021 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 Gray, Cllr D Hannan, Cllr S Hoyland, Cllr A Jackson, Cllr C Snowden, Cllr E Storm and Cllr A Turner.

Also present: PSCO N Warby and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

21/061 To receive and consider apologies for absence and to receive declarations of interest

**It was resolved apologies be noted from County Cllr Baker**

21/062 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 9th September 2021

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

21/063 To receive Report from NY Police

PSCO Warby circulated a report and reiterated the Police appeal for witnesses to the assault in Thirsk on 16th October.

An update on the violence against the person incidents was requested and also the burglary.

Cllr Bardon asked if someone could have a look at A19 U turns on the junction to Blakey Lane.

PSCO Warby also advised that there were ongoing investigations into drug related matters and it was noted that there is some activity taking place in the Parochial Hall Car Park.

21/064 To receive Report from the County Councillor on items of relevance to Sowerby

Cllr Baker had emailed a report in advance of the meeting. Cllr Bardon advised that there has been some groundworks activity at Thirsk Schools and Gravel Hole Lane and asked if Cllr Baker could clarify this.

21/065 To receive Reports from District Councillors

Cllr Robson advised that his focus is on delivering Hambleton District Councils Projects prior to the Unitary Authority.

Thirsk and Sowerby Leisure Centre is on schedule to open on 27th October and he encouraged councillors to look at this superb facility. There will be some parking management in place and staff parking has moved to Nursery Gardens.

Making A Difference Grants are open now until 5th December for applications and Cllr Robson encouraged organisations to apply for a share of this.

Cllr Hoyland asked if there was a possibility of toilets being provided for users of the Sports Village or that the Hockey Pitch area being opened for these and Cllr Robson will look into it.

The Dog walking area fencing is underway and tenders for the pavilion building are due to be received this month. It is hoped that 3G pitch funding will be received and work will commence as soon as possible.

Zig Zag lines have been put around the crossing at the school by HDC.

21/066 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

1. Thanks were given to Dales of Thirsk for refreshing the names on the Cenotaph.
2. The location of new dual waste/dog bins has been agreed with Hambleton District Council - 9 in total.
3. The new slide is in place and a substantial amount of chippings have been added to the aerial slide.

21/067 Planning

1. Decisions were noted
2. To consider new applications

Appendix i

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

Signed

Chairman

Date

# Sowerby Parish Council

21/068 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**

3. To consider a donation to the Thirsk Christmas Lights appeal

**It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council donate £500 to the Thirsk Christmas Lights Appeal**

4. To agree to close the bank account at Yorkshire Bank due to the branch closure

**It was resolved that the Yorkshire Bank accounts are closed and the funds moved to the Barclays account then consideration be given to an alternative account**

21/069 To receive late correspondence for information only

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

Correspondence has been received from Arqiva regarding a discount voucher offered to customers affected by the lack of service to the Bilsdale mast.

21/070 To receive Reports from Sub Committees

Cllr Snowden advised that Community Works are looking to widen their scope for funding sources and target businesses and organisations in the Thirsk area.

Cllr France noted that the Town Hall is operating smoothly and that the toilet project is being moved forward. Also Car Parking at the Conservative Club was discussed, as there is an ongoing conversation with the Conservative Club regarding the use of the Car Park.

21/071 Any other business that may be legally discussed

*(items requiring a decision will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting)*

1. Remembrance is 14th November at 9.30am in St Marys Church followed by the parade and Act of Remembrance at Sowerby and refreshments for guests in the Town Hall.
2. Cllr Bardon advised that a resident had commented about a terrible smell on Station Road. The Clerk will write to Yorkshire Water and request that Thirsk Town Council do the same.
3. Cllr Gray reported that the hedge on Back Lane has been cut back. He also commented that the memorial field has been strimmed, but it is in need of further work before seeds can be planted. Cllr Jackson requested that the hedges along Blakey Lane footpath be cut back further.
4. Cllr Jackson had put some bulbs in at the bottom of Worlds End and thanks were offered for this.
5. Cllr France has litter-picked at the Sports Village and Car Park over the last two weeks and it's noticeable that there are a lot of cigarette ends on the sides of the pitch but he has not noticed dog mess.

21/072 It was agreed that the date of next meeting is Thursday 11th November 2021

**The meeting closed at 8.30 pm**

Signed  
Chairman  
Date