

## MAIN POINTS FROM THE DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> MEETING OF SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL

- The Parish Council's new website has been launched.  
[www.sowerbyparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.sowerbyparishcouncil.org.uk)
- An intermediate version of SowerbyNOW, Not Quite Sowerby Now, mainly for Church Christmas events had been circulated.
- The Christmas Carol Service will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December near the Christmas Tree at 7pm. Father Christmas will attend.
- Mr. Graham France was welcomed as a Parish Councillor.
- Works to various trees at Worlds End, Front Street and the Memorial Park had been carried out.
- Thirsk Woodland Group had planted a tree at Worlds End to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- District Council will not have a Council Tax increase.
- Small price increases for Leisure Centre use.
- District Council Area Forums are to cease. Support to be given to Town and Village Partnerships.
- A minimal increase in Car Parking charges will be introduced by HDC. The first hour on the Market Place will remain free.
- HDC and NYCC to consult about reducing street light usage.
- Localism Bill. Community now has the right to register an interest in assets of community value and can bid if to be sold.
- District Council Boundary Review open until 7<sup>th</sup> January. Comments to [consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://consultation.lgbce.org.uk) Plan to reduce number of councillors to 28 representing 16 wards.
- Suggestions were looked at for upgrading the Play Area for young children, using Section 106 monies.
- Section 106 Agreement for Sowerby Gateway will be signed in to by all Developers and there was assurance that this would be legally binding regardless of who originally signed it.
- London-Edinburgh-London Cycle Race using Thirsk School as an overnight stop 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July. Meeting to find out how it might benefit the community in the Courthouse 12<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm.
- Councillors and Residents were wished Season's Greetings.