

- Cllr Mark Robson was elected as Chairman of the Parish Council and Cllr Peter Bardon as Vice Chairman
- The Chairman offered thanks to the councillors, clerk and volunteers who support the Parish Council throughout the year
- Councillors presented annual reports of the activities of the Town Hall, Swimming Baths, Flatts Trust, Friends of the Lambert, Rail Users Group, Library Steering Group (now Management Committee) and District Council.
- Praise was given to the positive impact of the arrival of the Community Library, Orchid House, Bistro 13, the Premier Inn and the soon to be completed Aldi
- Councillors shared their disappointment at the loss of the Lambert Hospital this year, despite huge local efforts. A member of the public advised the meeting that there has been a lot of interest in the Lambert Hospital memorabilia displayed at the museum
- Cllr Robson updated on the Sowerby Gateway junction as the council would welcome delivery of this as soon as possible. It was advised that a number of stakeholders need to complete their reports to allow planning to be approved and the work on the junction to be commenced, but it is anticipated to commence this year
- Further information regarding new street lighting was shared, as the Parish Council would be expected to contribute towards the cost of any future lighting replacement if they wished the old style lighting to be preserved. A representative of North Yorkshire County Council will advise the council if there are plans to update any more lighting in Sowerby
- The parish council has been glad to support local initiatives such as Thirsk School Senior Citizens Christmas Party, Sowerby CP School Sensory Garden, Thirsk and Sowerby Festival and the Community Library and would encourage local groups to get in touch with the clerk if they feel the Parish Council could offer any help
- The next meeting will be Thursday 13th June 2017 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall Annex