

MAIN POINTS FROM MEETING OF SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL ON 13th FEBRUARY 2014

- Charles Ungley from Saxty Way was signed in and welcomed as a new Councillor.
- Confirmation of the Hambleton District Council boundary changes for the new Sowerby and Topcliffe Ward. Polling stations will remain as before. Next elections will take place in May 2015. There will be two vacancies for the three serving District Councillors to contend. . The proposals are available at www.hambleton.gov.uk/elections/polling_stations_and_places and at the Library, Finkle Street, Thirsk.
- Hambleton District Council precept will remain the same for 2014 and 2015, but residents should be aware that the County Council, Police and Fire Departments will increase their demand. Residents should please note that HDC is the collection authority and at first glance it may look as though HDC charges have increased where in actual fact they haven't
- There may be some slippage in the commencement date for work at the new junction slip roads on the A168. It was due at the end of February.
- The Council has accepted the offer of the transfer of the open space land within Phase 1 of the development at Sowerby Gateway under the Section 106 Agreement number 544.
- There will be a celebration concert for the centenary of the Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall on March 1st with the Royal British Legion Band and the Mowbray Singers. 7pm. Entry free, but donations welcome.
- There will be a period of closure of the B1448 road near the Gateway whilst it is resurfaced. Details in the local press, on <http://sowerbyparishcouncil.org.uk> or on the notice board or at the Office window when known.
- There will be some HGV traffic out of necessity on Gravel Hole Lane and in the village because of the sewage works in Back Lane. However contractors for the main Gateway site have been asked to avoid using the village roads.
- Dog walkers are urged to pick up their dog's mess. The fouling is very bad at the moment and as well as being unpleasant it is illegal and is a fineable offence. Villagers are asked to try to get photographic evidence of the offenders or even just a description of the owners and their dogs. Please let the Clerk have details (but not the droppings!) clerk@sowerbyparishcouncil.org.uk
- The next meeting will be on March 13th and will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm when reports of community activities will be presented. Guest speaker will be Carol Shreeve of Citizen's Advice Bureau.