

MAIN POINTS FROM MEETING OF SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL ON 9th JANUARY 2014

- The Chairman and Councillors wish everybody best wishes for 2014.
- Carol Singing around Sowerby Christmas Tree on 17th December had been very enjoyable. Thanks were expressed to all who made it happen and to all who had attended.
- Reminder that the swimming pool car park is for the use of users of the swimming pool facilities and Flatts.
- Charles Ungley from Saxty Way was co-opted as a new Councillor.
- Confirmation that Hambleton District Council boundary changes and reduction to 28 District Councillors will take place in May 2015.
- Application for extra-care units off Gravel Hole Lane and Topcliffe Road was approved with the proviso that the entrance be reconsidered and taken away from Gravel Hole Lane.
- Street names in first phase of Sowerby Gateway will be tree names.
- Sowerby Parish Council precept will remain at £62,000 as for the last 4 years. However in common with other Parish Councils in the Hambleton area no Government Support Grant was received. In real terms there will be a 4.09% increase which equates to an additional £1.67p per annum or 3.2p per week for a Band D property. This will ensure all services provided by Sowerby Parish Council, will continue as before.
- 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 may well increase their demand.
- Work is due to start at the new junction slip roads on the A168 at the end of February.
- The Chairman urged residents that, should cold weather arrive, a watchful eye be kept on vulnerable neighbours.
- The land for the new graveyard at St Oswald's Church has been transferred to the Diocesan Solicitors.
- Congratulations to Cllr. Robson, celebrating his 25th anniversary as a Councillor in Sowerby. He was thanked by the Chairman for all he has done for the village and for serving it magnificently.