

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council on Thursday 13th July at 7.30pm in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Annexe.

Present: Cllr M Robson (Chairman), Cllr P Bardon, Cllr Y Bowling, Cllr G France, Cllr D Hannan, Cllr S Hoyland, Cllr A Jackson, Cllr C Snowden and Cllr E Storm.

Also present: 1 member of the public; a representative of North Yorkshire Police; Cllr K Foster, Leader of the Green Party Group at North Yorkshire Council (NYC) and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

23/036 Members of the public to raise any items of importance (maximum of 10 minutes)

A resident asked regarding the new drain from the lorry park 22/02678/FUL as this drain has polluted the watercourse again.

A complaint had been made about it and there is concern that it has breached EA permit.

The Clerk will look into this matter with the interim head of planning for Hambleton Area and bring it back to council for further consideration.

23/037 To receive apologies for absence

It was resolved to receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllr T Beadle and Cllr A Turner

23/038 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 8th June 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 8th June 2023 be approved

23/039 To receive report from North Yorkshire Police

A report from NYC was circulated to councillors.

- Cllr Bardon asked the PCSO if the local police could offer guidance to residents regarding use of a mobility scooter on the pavement/road and care for other road users.
- Cllr France requested that NYP have a presence at the beginning of the school term at Green Lane/Sowerby Road to ensure safe driving is maintained.
- Parking at Green Lane East/Croft Heads has been inappropriate and some drivers have been giving verbal unpleasantness to residents.

23/040 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council on items of relevance to Sowerby

- Cllr Foster had responded via email to a number of outstanding matters and his colleague, Cllr A Brown, had offered to support SPC in their investigation of the Section 106 and Gateway bus route. The Clerk will also write to NYC about this asking them to consult with the PC and residents.
- Cllr Foster will continue to work on the issue with the 278 Licence to progress works at Town End.
- The Clerk had reported two footpath matters at the Ranch and a bollard at Flatts Walk and work is expected within a 90 day period.
- NYC Full Council Meeting will take place on 19th July. 20's Plenty has been called into council following the Executive Decision.
- A Let's Talk Transport Survey is current and councillors are encouraged to complete this.
- Cllr Bardon asked for an update regarding NYC charging for rubble/glass at recycling centres following the government guidance and Cllr Foster will look into this.
- Cllr France commented on excellent service from the waste team as he had received a new green bin.
- Cllr Hoyland noted that there is a supply of blue boxes at the Leisure Centre if residents need them.

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23/041 Planning Applications

see appendix i

It was resolved that the Clerk will feedback comments to the planning authority

23/042 Financial Matters

Receipts

To Note and Approve Payments

see appendix ii

23/043 To consider communication from a resident regarding water safety at Locks Bridge

Further correspondence has been received by email and phone from a Thirsk resident regarding the safety of the watercourse near Locks Bridge. This resident has been communicating with several local organisations about the matter. The Clerk has been in touch with the Environment Agency & Footpaths Officer. The Footpath Officer noted that the child concerned willingly entered the watercourse but that the Land Owner will be contacted and asked if they have any intention of putting fencing in place. Lock Bridge has also been checked as part of this enquiry.

SPC reiterated it is concerned for the safety of residents and visitors on this piece of private land but has no jurisdiction to implement any action.

It was resolved that the matter will be monitored and council updated as required

23/044 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

- A response has been received from the Conservation Officer regarding the possible extension of the Conservation Area. They have advised that this will be considered in the next Local Plan.
- Remedial Tree work on Front Street has been done.

23/045 To receive correspondence for information only

An Allotment Holder has been removed from their plot and has requested a refund for half a year. Terms & Conditions make it clear that this will not be done, given the reasons for termination and it has not been left in a suitable state for re-letting and has had a spare key but not the original which he had lost.

It was resolved that the Clerk will write to advise that no refund will be given

A resident had requested the footpath at World's End be cut back as it is overgrown with ivy.

It was resolved that the Chairman will look at this and the Clerk will take appropriate action

23/046 To receive reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

- Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall AGM took place tonight and Cllr Jackson is the Chairman for 2023 2024
- A group is trying to resurrect the Rail Users Committee and they are looking for a Chairman.
- Community Works income streams are being developed and an event at Thirsk Hall has been positively received by local businesses regarding their work.

23/047 Any other business that may be legally discussed

Items requiring a decision will be placed on a future agenda

Look at Ash Trees for die back.

Footpath at the back of Tin Tack and track going towards the station and the path is in need of maintenance.

Herriot Hospice donations have reached £450,000, councillors noted this excellent result.

Back Lane and Croft Heads overgrown hedgerows have been reported to the Highways department.

A commemorative bench is in now place at the side of the noticeboard.

23/048 To confirm the date of next meeting as Thursday 14th September 2023

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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Appendix i Planning

Decisions

22/02104/FUL Retrospective application for the replacement of 5no. Windows 11 Mowbray Place Sowerby	WTSR	Granted
22/02711/FUL Fixing of a floor mounted bike rack, a bench and bike repair station in front of the shop 3 Campion Square, Sowerby	WTSA	Granted
22/02594/OUT Outline application for mixed used development of commercial and light industrial complex York Road	WTSR	Withdrawn

Applications

ZB23/01324/CAT Works to fell tree in a Conservation Area
23 Sowerby Road, Sowerby

Discussion took place regarding the Arborists Report as councillors are concerned that the report suggests the tree needs significant works but not felling. However there is significant apprehension that this tree has not been looked after correctly and that this work would still leave the tree vulnerable to disease and pose further risk.

It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

ZB23/01352/FUL Application for a dropped kerb leading into the property
Sweet Briar, 27A Back Lane, Sowerby

It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

ZB23/01284/FUL Insertion of an extra window
62C Back Lane, Sowerby

It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved