

# Sowerby Parish Council

## Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 11th July 2019

**Present: Cllrs Robson, Chapman, Gray, Hoyland, Snowden, Storm and Turner**

**Also Present: One member of the public, a representative of North Yorkshire Police, Mary Rolls a representative of Thirsk and Sowerby Churches and the Clerk, Alexandra Little**

1. A member of the public raised the problem of some gulley damage at Topcliffe Road end of Gravel Hole Lane. Highways are aware of this. Also the sign for School Garth is in disrepair, Cllr Robson to arrange a replacement. Mary Rolls requested permission from the Parish Council to use the area inside Dondeen Avenue to hold a family fun day. This was agreed by councillors who thought the event was a good idea.
2. Apologies for Absence received and accepted from Cllrs Bardon, Beadle and France.
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 13th June were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Hoyland and seconded by Cllr Gray
4. NYP report was presented. Cllr Robson reported that the District Council had removed fly tipping that appeared to be remnants of a cannabis farm
5. County Council Matters:  
Cllr Baker not present  
The hedge on Topcliffe Road/Cocked Hat Park is in the Sowerby Parish works schedule to be cut in autumn
6. District Councillors:
  - a. Thirsk Pool parking will be watched by a security company intermittently to deter parking abuse
  - b. A leisure centre refurbishment programme is being designed and will be released late in 2019
  - c. Local Plan has had cabinet approval and following Full Council approval will be available for public representations for 6 weeks (ending 17th Sept) prior to being submitted to the inspector
  - d. Phase one of former prison development will begin at the end of the summer
7. Matters arising from the minutes
  - a. Tree Health and safety report was completed and remedial work is needed at £5875 + VAT

**Resolved this payment be ratified as an agenda item in September**

- b. Lambert Hospital project will go to Full Council in September and an announcement made at that time regarding its proposed use
- c. Bulb prices are being sought and Cllr Hoyland suggested a wildflower meadow would also be a worthwhile consideration.

**Resolved Councillors to consider appropriate area for wildflower seed planting**

8. New Agenda Item not discussed as no representative of the library was present

Signed  
Date

Chairman

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### 9. Planning Applications

19/01398/FUL resubmitted application for development Land off Saxty way

Discussion took place about this application, its actual levels of affordable housing - which are not clear - and the site location which is not in the current or upcoming Local Plan.

Cllr Turner proposed the Parish Council wish to see this application refused, this was seconded by Cllr Gray and carried. Cllr Hoyland abstained from the vote.

**Resolved Sowerby Parish Council Clerk to feedback comments to planning department**

### 10. Financial Matters

see appendix ii

- a. Receipts
- b. Payments

**Resolved all items approved for payment**

**Resolved items received between meetings be paid under delegated authority due to summer break**

### 11. Correspondence for information only

see appendix iii

### 12. Reports from Sub Committees:

Cllr Snowden reported on The Clock, new trustees are being put in place for the combined organisation and the Clockworks shop is doing well with workshops now taking place.

Cllr Hoyland advised that there had not been a rail user group meeting for some time but the group will remain in existence and some funding is being applied for from the government to develop Thirsk as a smaller station

### 13. Any other business that may be legally discussed

- a. Cllr Turner raised the issue of parking at the leisure centre end of Chapel Street as this is an ongoing issue. Cllr Robson advised that there is little can be done as this is private land, not public highway
- b. The Memorial Park has had some issues with dog waste, Cllr Robson to ask Dog Warden to attend regularly to discourage this
- c. Cllr Gray advised that the No Cycling signs have still not been replenished. Clerk to write to highways with this matter again
- d. Festival on the Flatts is on 4th August
- e. Pack Horse Bridge mortar repairs have been done
- f. The Parish Office may change ownership and the office will be moved in to the small office at the town hall, which currently holds the minibus association. There is no definite timeline on this and it is subject to agreement from all parties but will offer a reduced cost to the Parish Council for its office

### 14. Date of next meeting Thursday 12th September 2019 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.25

Signed  
Date

Chairman