

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council
held on Thursday 9th February 2023 at 7.30pm in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Annexe.

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

Also present: Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

22/106 No Members of the Public present

22/107 Apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest
All Parish Councillors present.

22/108 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 8th December 2022 and the Extraordinary Meeting on 14th January 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 8th December 2022 and the Extraordinary Meeting on 14th January 2023 be approved

22/109 North Yorkshire Police

No report had been received in advance of the meeting. The Clerk will ask the police if they are able to attend or issue a report.

22/110 Report from the County Councillor on items of relevance to Sowerby

No report had been received from Cllr Whitfield and issues previously raised are still ongoing. The Clerk will collate a list of outstanding items and send this to Cllr Whitfield and request a response to these items prior to the next meeting. A number of other items were raised and these will be added to the list for Cllr Whitfield to address.

It was resolved that the Clerk will write to Cllr Whitfield to request, if he is not able to attend, that he submits a report to the council meeting.

It was resolved that the Clerk will ask Cllr Whitfield to advise the PC what organisations have benefitted from his locality budget.

22/111 Reports from District Councillors

Cllr Robson advised that CIL monies will be distributed to local organisations, in line with the cabinet decision on 5th December (with the exception of one), after a review under the Section 24 Agreement with NYCC. In the Sowerby and Topcliffe Ward this includes Thirsk & Sowerby Flatts Trust and Topcliffe Parish Council.

Discussion took place regarding the development of NY Area Committees, which will be operating out of the existing District Offices for the foreseeable future.

22/112 To consider applications for and to co opt a Parish Councillor

It was resolved that A Turner be co-opted as a Parish Councillor

22/113 Planning

a. To note Decisions

Cllr Robson advised councillors that Planning Guidance has changed since the initial approval and the flexibility given in these changes mean that the Auction Mart site applications were approved.

Signed
Chairman
Date

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b. To consider new Applications

See appendix i

It was resolved that the Clerk will feed back comments to the planning authority

22/114 Financial Matters

See appendix ii

1. To note Receipts

2. To Note and Approve Payments

It was resolved that receipts be noted and payments approved

22/115 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

It was noted that councillors were disappointed that the group regarding green spaces was not in a position to attend the February meeting.

NYCC have advised that they have no issue with the tree near the junction, but the other one will be moved as agreed.

Thanks were offered to Cllr Jackson for planting bulbs.

Cllr Beadle noted that the new piece of equipment installed is being well used.

22/116 Correspondence for information only

See appendix iii

Items of correspondence which have been circulated between meetings require no further action.

22/117 Reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

Community Works AGM has taken place and their website has been updated with a fresh approach to marketing.

22/118 Any other business that may be legally discussed

Items requiring a decision will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting

- Cllr Robson and the Clerk attended the Parish Charter consultation meeting on 9th February. This will be an agenda item in March.
- A piece of play equipment has damage to the base and a new part has been ordered and repair will be undertaken.
- Closure of the pharmacy on Chapel Street was discussed and councillors were encouraged to make their own comments. The Clerk will also write and share council concerns.
- Cllr Hoyland had raised the possible changes to the Thirsk-York bus, but it appears this is short term for a road closure on Gravel Hole Lane. This will be monitored.
- There is an issue with cars parked for workers on the development on Back Lane, this will be reported.
- Replacement of gravel on Front Street roadways will be undertaken in Spring.
- Speeding on Front Street is an issue at the moment, the MVAS will be moved there for a short time. Also visibility is being reduced by a car regularly parking outside the front of 5 Sowerby Road.
- It was requested that the gully sucker be deployed on Saxty Way as there are issues caused by building works.
- A memorial bench has been offered to the Parish to be located on Front Street, this will be agreed in March.

22/119 The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 9th March 2023

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed
Chairman
Date