

Sowerby Parish Council

Present: Cllr M Robson (Chairman); Cllr P Bardon; Cllr T Beadle; Cllr Y Bowling; Cllr S Hoyland; Cllr A Jackson; Cllr C Snowdon; Cllr E Storm; Cllr K Till and Cllr A Turner.

Also Present: Cllr D Sladden, North Yorkshire Council(NYC); three members of the public and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

23/114 Members of the public to raise any items of importance (maximum of 10 minutes)

A resident asked Cllr Sladden if NYC Highways would look at improved road markings for the roundabout at York Road/A168/A19. Also Blakey Lane traffic is increasingly travelling at speed from the bridge towards Front Street.

A resident raised concerns that the Sowerby Road Temporary Traffic Order section 14 Road Traffic Regulation Act has been extended to 2025 and is not lawful under the conditions of the Act. Extra traffic has been sent past four schools in the area, demonstrating that alternative routes are not ideal. It is possible this is being used as an opportunity to test out a one way system scheme, however the resident referenced a separate procedure for this, where consultation would be required.

23/115 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

It was resolved that apologies for absence be received and accepted from Cllr G France

23/116 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 8th February 2024

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

23/117 To receive report from North Yorkshire Police

No report was received in advance of the meeting.

23/118 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council on items of relevance to Sowerby

A report had been circulated from Cllr Sladden in advance of the meeting.

Further questions were raised regarding bus transport tenders and councillors impressed upon Cllr Sladden the strong feeling that this should be extended to include Sowerby gateway and railway station. It was felt that the current Reliance service for Sowerby should be retained when the new service is added.

Cllr Sladden will look into the following items:

- Marking of the roundabout at York Road junction and onto A19 needs and consider reducing the speed to 40mph
- Light 11 on Flatts Walk is still out. The system does not recognise it as a NYC light and there is no option to view progress or previous reporting. The Clerk will also report this again
- There is still flooding on Westgate, despite recent works and the gully sucker does not seem to be effective.
- The need for a new primary school was identified in the gateway development but secondary provision needs to be reviewed. Is this underway?

23/119 To consider Planning Applications

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

23/120 Financial Matters

1. To Note Receipts
2. To Note and Approve Payments

It was resolved that receipts be noted and payments made

3. To confirm signatories for the Unity Trust bank mandate

Signed
Chairman
Date

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The Clerk will have access to the account to administer and set up payments and two of three signatories will be required to authorise payments.

It was resolved that the mandate will include Cllr P Bardon, Cllr M Robson and Cllr K Till

23/121 To consider the requirement for Parish Councils to have a .gov.uk website and agree actions
Recommendations have been received from Yorkshire Local Councils Associations and the Local Government Association for a compliant gov.uk to be set up by Parish and Town Councils. This associated information will be transferred from the existing domain and email accounts will be maintained for a period of 12 months then reviewed.

It was resolved that the Clerk will work with a recognised provider to set up a gov.uk website

23/122 To consider council's position on the pending consultation for traffic management on Sowerby Road
Further to the discussion under 23/114 and 23/118, a letter had been sent to some residents dated 28th February from the NYC customer service centre. This contained misleading information regarding the actual location of Front Street/Sowerby Road therefore the Clerk has sent an email to Area2 to ask for clarification. Correspondence has been received from Holyrood House, which was shared with councillors. Speeding has become a huge issue along with increased traffic on Gravel Hole Lane. An increase of pollution, with vehicles passing the schools, is also a concern.

It was suggested that NYC should hold a public meeting to engage with affected residents, including Thirsk and Sowerby and NYC will be asked whether this order is legal.

It was noted that the police will deal with drivers going against the one way system.

It was resolved that the Clerk will write to Highways and copy B Khan & Cllr Sladden re the temporary traffic order

23/123 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

- Allotment storm proof fencing has been replaced and secured
- All allotment plots are now leased
- No Cycling sign has been put up but needs adjusting

23/124 To receive correspondence for information only

- A letter regarding the temporary one way system had been received and covered in 23/122
- A resident of The Pines had written regarding traffic and safety issues on Blakey Lane and Gravel Hole Lane. Cllr Sladden has submitted this to NYC.

23/125 To receive reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

None

23/126 Any other business that may be legally discussed

- Traffic at Aldi was noted as parking of the construction workers is dangerous.
- A D Day 80 years flag has been ordered to be flown to commemorate this

23/127 To confirm the date of next meeting as Thursday 11th April 2024

The meeting closed at 20:33

Signed
Chairman
Date

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Appendix i Planning

Applications

ZB24/00128/ADV Application for advertisement consent for Pavement Double Sided Banner Signs WTSR
Land At York Road, Thirsk
Councillors wish to see this application refused in accordance with the Highways recommendation that these are restricted to the boundary of the site. There is already significant signage in this area which is at risk of causing a safety issue.

ZB24/00251/FUL Installation of 4 No. commercial ASHP WTSR
Veterinary Laboratories Agency, West House, Station Road, Thirsk
Environmental Health has recommended that this is refused in its current form as the noise abatement measures do not appear to be sufficient to protect the occupants in the vicinity. Councillors support this recommendation for refusal.

Decisions

ZB24/00032/FUL Replacement of the iron railings to front WTSA Granted
158 Front Street, Sowerby

Signed
Chairman
Date