

MAIN POINTS FROM MEETING OF SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL ON 12th NOVEMBER 2015

- Blakey Bridge temporary restriction barriers. It is illegal to move them and if you do see anyone attempting to move them you are requested to phone the Police on 101 or NYCC on 01609 780 780, but please don't compromise your personal safety if the driver is antagonistic. There continues to be a strong possibility that the bridge will be closed if the barriers are moved. Permanent alterations are being considered for the 2016/2017 Programme of Works by the County Council.
- Play Area. Please discourage youngsters from riding their bicycles in the Play Area for the safety all users. Bicycles should be parked just inside the entrances and not left lying all over the grass.
- Cycling on the Flatts Walk. This is not a cycle route. Cyclists should use the allocated cycle track adjacent to the Flatts Field.
- The Thirsk and Sowerby Minibus Association is trialling a local bus service (Figure of Eight to include Sowerby and Norby) which began on 2nd November on Mondays only. See the local papers and notice boards for further details.
- Free Parking will once again be available in the Market Place each Thursday from 1st December until 1st January and every day from 25th December until 1st January.
- Residents are urged not to park on pavements. It is illegal and dangerous. Wheel chair users and pram pushers struggle.
- It was agreed to support a request for a No Cold Calling Zone at Kings Meadows.
- NYCC Hambleton Area Committee have awarded £5000 per County Councillor to be shared between local Community Projects. Contact County Councillor Baker on 07968 170145 or at cllr.robert.baker@northyorks.gov.uk to nominate a project.
- The Lambert Hospital has been temporarily closed, with a review due in January 2016. A facebook page has been set up by the Lambert Hospital Action Group to raise awareness of a potential loss to the community of a greatly valued facility.
- Swimming Pool Car Park is reserved for users of the Leisure Centre and The Flatts. This ruling is contravened on a regular basis but measures are being taken to enforce the rules.
- The Royal British Legion Band were congratulated for their support at the Remembrance Day Parade. Sadness and thanks were expressed at the forthcoming departure of their conductor.
- Congratulations to the 31 volunteers at the Thirsk Tourist Information Centre for winning the prestigious White Rose Visitor Information Award.
- There will be Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree on Tuesday December 15th at 7pm.
- Vacancy for a Caretaker at the Town Hall. Applications by 30th November.
- NYCC. Local Transport Plan Consultation. www.northyorks.gov.uk/ltp4 Respond by 30th November.
- HDC to remove mini recycling centres with introduction of third wheeled bin. Textile Banks have the option of remaining.
- Good Neighbour's Scheme. £300 available to help set a scheme up. www.ruralyorkshire.org.uk or contact Martha Holmes 07714247667
- The next meeting of Sowerby Parish Council will be on December 10th 2015 at 7.30pm.