

MAIN POINTS FROM MEETING OF SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL ON 14TH NOVEMBER 2013

- Part Night Lighting. The Parish Council has been successful with their request to HDC to leave street lights on all night, on the Flatts Walk in the name of safety.
- Proposed Reduction to Bus Subsidies. Many local subsidised bus services including the Thirsk/Sowerby/Norby/Hambleton Estate service and the Thirsk to Railway Station service are proposed to be removed. Please see the North Yorkshire County Council website for specific details for this area or look at the documentation in the Parish Council window. All comments should be returned to NYCC by 25th November. Changes will come in to effect from 7th April 2014. Email passenger.transport@northyorks.gov.uk or phone 084 58 72737. Paper copies available from Library and Tourist Information Centre or send a message to the Parish Council Office for one to be delivered. clerk@sowerbyparishcouncil.org.uk If you want to retain the service you **must** make your opinion known. The Parish Council has requested that the services be retained.
- Carol Singing around Sowerby Christmas Tree. 17th December at 7pm.
- Parking will be free on Thursdays in December in Thirsk Market Place and from 3pm on 24th December until 3rd January 2014.
- Open meeting to discuss Sowerby Sports Village Wednesday 20th November between 4pm and 7pm in A Hall at Thirsk School, Topcliffe Road. This will be a phased development costing an estimated £4 million, £1.5m being provided by Section 106 monies from the developer. The rest of the funding will be requested from the Sports Council and other Sporting Bodies.
- Reminder that swimming pool car park is for the use of users of the swimming pool facilities and Flatts.
- Co-option of a new councillor. Applications are invited from members of the public who would like to be considered for the role of Parish Councillor. Please contact the Clerk.
- Residents intending writing to the newspapers with complaints are invited to talk to the Parish Council or District Councillors to ensure that they have their facts right.
- The Extra Care Scheme, subject of recent consultation and newspaper letters already had outline planning permission. The detailed planning permission is now being discussed. The Education Authority had asked for a re think of the site for a possible school development and this allowed the Extra Care Home position to be revised.
- Some work to trees around Thirsk School has taken place with a second phase of work just before Christmas.
- The realignment at the junction of Gravel Hole Lane and Topcliffe Road is part of an earlier approved plan to discourage drivers from using Gravel Hole Lane and Blakey Lane. There will eventually be further realignment on the other side of the road.
- Some hard-standing has been provided at Sowerby Gateway to ease recent parking problems.
- Works will soon commence to upgrade the CCTV in the Play Area.
- If faults are noticed in the Play Area please contact the Council Clerk on 01845 574021.
- House holders are urged to make sure that their hedges and trees are not obstructing pavements, road signs and street lights. Grateful thanks to those householders who have had work done and improved matters for everyone.
- Where possible please don't park over roadside drain covers. There are countless drains in the village that the gully suckers can never access.