

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

- Fiona Coleman and colleagues updated members about the progress of the Sowerby Gateway Public Art project. Invitation issued to members of the community to get involved. Contact the Clerk in the first instance.
- Thanks had been expressed by residents for work done by NYCC to resurface the footpath on Back Lane.
- Drains are to be cleaned in part of Front Street and Station Road.
- HDC are recommending the freezing of Council Tax for the fifth year in a row, giving the third lowest Council Tax in the Country.
- HDC have made cuts of £2.8m but there have been no increases in charges.
- Members of the public who wished to make public complaints in newspapers were requested to check their facts before doing so.
- A donation was given to The Friends of The Moorsbus to help enable it to pick up people in the Thirsk area.
- Reminder that allowing dog fouling is inexcusable. Please pick it up. The Dog Warden is visiting Sowerby fairly regularly and prosecutions have been made throughout Hambleton.
- Reminder that the play area equipment is for young users and not adults.
- Nominations from candidates wishing to stand for election should be handed in to Stonecross by April 9th. Forms will be available from the Parish Council Office and from Stonecross at Northallerton.
- There will be a reduction in the number of Wards and therefore the number of District Councillors at the May elections.
- Councillors were not in favour of agreeing to a Variation of Conditions 34 and 35 of application reference Number 10/02373/OUT – highway improvements and widening of mini roundabout on land east of Topcliffe Road and south of Gravel Hole Lane which would allow the trigger points to be changed for the road improvements to be commenced.
- Similarly Councillors were not in favour of agreeing to a Variation of Condition 9 of application reference Number 11/01435/FUL – improved junction on land at junction of B1448 and A168.
- The next meeting of Sowerby Parish Council will be on March 12th 2015 at 7.30pm. There will be the Parish Annual Meeting at 7pm.