

MAIN POINTS FROM MEETING OF SOWERBY PARISH COUNCIL ON 9TH APRIL 2015

- Blakey Bridge narrowing scheme has prevented damage being caused to the bridge and consultation will be undertaken regarding the viability of replacing the present arrangement with a more permanent fixture. Very unfortunate that some people have seen fit to move the temporary barriers, but pleasing that some have been apprehended by the Police.
- Although the application for an Aldi Store opposite the Gateway development was approved in principle it was hoped that the building design could be more appropriate for its edge of village location.
- Repair work and further resurfacing on the village green roads will take place soon. A notice to remind residents of the bye laws and their responsibilities will be circulated during the summer, but as an emergency reminder please don't use anything on the roads which might damage them, such as power-washers to wash cars.
- Concern was raised about the parking of vehicles opposite the Galliford Try construction site on Gravel Hole Lane. The land belongs to the County Council but Cllr Robson has received an assurance on behalf of the Parish that once the work has been completed the contractors will make good any damage to grass and bulbs.
- Volunteers needed to help keep the skate park in good order. Contact Cllr. France. grahamfrance@yahoo.co.uk if you can help with strimming and grass cutting.
- Look out for forthcoming workshops to gather ideas for artwork for the Gateway entrance area.
- Cllr. Robson reported that Hambleton District Council now owns the land off Gravel Hole Lane which will become the new Sports Village.
- 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. Please use the litter bins or take your rubbish home. Closing time for the play area should be respected please. Some groups of youngsters seem to think it will be fun to get locked in. North Yorkshire Police will be keeping an eye on the Play Park and Memorial Park for improper use of the public areas.
- Voting Day on May 7th will be to choose two District Councillors and an MP.
- There will be a reduction in the number of Wards and therefore the number of District Councillors at the May elections. Our new Ward is Sowerby and Topcliffe (+ Dalton, Eldmire with Crakehill, Hutton Sessay and Sessay) for which two District Councillors will be elected.
- Community Speed Watch. Volunteers are needed to assist the Police with this pilot initiative. A site has been selected on Topcliffe Road following numerous complaints of speeding. Contact Nigel Drayton on 07801 349681 or email nigel.drayton@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
- Residents are urged not to park on pavements. It is illegal and dangerous. Wheel chair users and pram pushers struggle.
- If residents have their own drive please use it to park, to free up roadside areas.
- 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 next meeting of Sowerby Parish Council will include the AGM and will be on May 14th 2015 at 7.30pm.