

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council  
held in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall,  
on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Present:** Cllr. W. Austin, (Chairman), Cllr. P. Bardon, Cllr. P. Beadle. Cllr. P. Chapman, Cllr. D. Bentley, Cllr. G. France, Cllr. S. Hoyland, Cllr. M. Robson, Cllr. A. Turner and Cllr. C. Ungley.

**In Attendance.** County Councillor Bob Baker and PCs Harrison and Laws. There were no members of the public in attendance.

**1. Apologies** were accepted from Cllr. E. Storm.

**2. To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014.** The minutes were approved and signed.

**3. North Yorkshire Police.**

PC Harrison reported some Sowerby related incidents.

**4. To receive the report from County Councillor B. Baker on items of relevance to Sowerby and Thirsk.**

Cllr. Baker gave a short report and promised he would follow up outstanding issues such as the visit by someone from Public Transport to talk about the station bus.

**5. To receive reports from District Councillors.**

District Cllr. Bardon reported that the Dog Warden Service for HDC had now been started. The question of micro-chipping dogs would be raised. District Councillor Robson, Leader of HDC, reported that Hambleton District Council had received £6m from the Central Government Enterprise Partnership Local Growth Deal Fund. It has been allocated for road works in the North Northallerton area which will give some relief to the area close to the level crossing by providing a link between Darlington Road and Stokesley Road, crossing a beck and railway line. By 2026, development in that area will lead to the creation of 3,000 jobs and will bring in £320m of private sector investment.

**6. To Discuss Matters Arising.**

**6.1 Play Area CCTV.** The CCTV was reported to be working although fine tuning may be needed.

**6.2 Thirsk and Sowerby Past and Present.** Cllr. Hoyland reported that proof reading had been undertaken and the document would soon be available.

**6.3 Thirsk School Signage.** The Headmaster had reported that the matter would be resolved during the school holiday.

**6.4. Weeds alongside the Flatts Walk** at the base of the Conservative Club Wall had been removed.

**7 Planning Applications.**

**7a Decisions.**

See updated pro-forma.

**7b New Applications.**

See updated pro forma.

**8. Financial Matters.**

8a Receipts. Approved as tabled.

8b Payments for approval. Approved as tabled.

It was agreed to donate £100 to Thirsk8 Park Ltd to help with upkeep of the skate park and £50 to the Churches Together c/o Heather Limbach for Printing Costs for the WW1 Remembrance events on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **9. Questionnaire re Additional Primary School Places.**

The Councillors discussed future school places provision and were keen to see improved early years provision and a preference that Sowerby CP School would be expanded or enlarged. Members and the public were urged to send in their own comments and it was hoped that the questionnaire would be circulated to all households in the Parish.

### **10. Correspondence.**

Sowerby Sports Village Stakeholder Meeting July 18<sup>th</sup> at noon.

NYCC. From 4 August 2014 disposal of hard core, rubble and plasterboard delivered to Household Waste recycling centres will be charged. All centres will open to businesses at a charge.

RBL. Remembrance Sunday Planning meeting: 31<sup>st</sup> July. 7.30pm. RBL Club. Thirsk8 Park Ltd. Request for donation to help with £1500 annual running costs.

Highways. Blakey Lane to be closed Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July for one day.

NYCC. Funding for non-essential grass cutting to cease from April 2015.

NYCC. Consultation document about new school in connection with Sowerby Gateway. (See item 9)

RAF. Increased flying mid July – early August

YLCA Invitation to Annual Meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July at Walshford + Annual Review. Thirsk Town Council. Interim response to matter of bus service to Thirsk Station.

Churches Together. Choices 1914 – Join us to Remember document.

Adult Learning Courses in Hambleton.

Andrea Mitchell. Request for permission to conduct a research project near Blakey Bridge. *Advised that not a Parish Council issue and that she should contact the Footpath's Officer at NYCC.*

Clerks and Councils Direct.

BT Business Account line rental to increase by 5.5% on average.

PCC Advice Surgery. The Old Court House. 24<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall. Minutes 10<sup>th</sup> March and 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

YLCA. Revised NALC Legal Topic Note 9E – Handling Complaints.

YLCA Consultation- Draft Plain English Guide to the openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-and-accountable-local-government>

NYCC. Renewal of contracts for local bus services. Feedback to [Passenger.transport@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:Passenger.transport@northyorks.gov.uk). *Request that timetables be re-jigged to accommodate services to the station.*

### **11. To Receive Reports from Sub-Committees and Groups.**

None.

### **12. Any Other Business.**

Sandholme Lane. It was reported that diversion signs were very misleading.

Churchyard Wall. It was reported that the rear wall was falling down.

Area 2 would be notified of a problem with the footpath outside 24 Topcliffe Road.

The overgrown footpath by the side of the Play Area was in need of attention. Cllr. Robson to organise.

Litter on the Flatt's Walk was a problem.

Cllr. Robson would mention to the Gateway Developers about the need, whenever possible, to deter Gateway construction traffic from going through Thirsk.

It was agreed that a new planning application for double glazed windows for the Town Hall would be submitted, if needed.

Cllr. Austin would represent Sowerby Parish Council at the WW1 Remembrance event at 10.30am in Thirsk Market Place on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Stewards were needed from 10am.

There had been some vandalism in the Play Park and as a result a lady's arm had been scratched.

Members of the public were asked to report any untoward and worrying behaviour in the Play Area to the Police.

The next Ordinary Meeting would be held on September 11<sup>th</sup> 2014.  
(NB This was later changed to July 25<sup>th</sup> for a short planning meeting).

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Chairman

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Date