

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council
held in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall,
on Thursday 14th June 2012.**

Present: Cllr. W. Austin, Cllr. P. Bardon, Cllr. P. Beadle, Cllr. P. Chapman, Cllr. S. Hoyland, Cllr. M. Robson, (Chairman), Cllr. A. Sadler and Cllr. E. Storm.

In Attendance.

Sgt. F. Hannan.

Lisa Wilson and Lawrence Monaghan from Thirsk8, Skatepark Committee.

1. Apologies were accepted from Councillors. A. Turner and D. Wood and County Councillor N. Huxtable.

2. To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th May 2012. The minutes were approved and signed,

3. Members of Thirsk8.

Cllr. Robson outlined the concerns of the Council with regard to problems at the new skate-park.

Explanations were given as to the reasons behind the problems of litter and trespass before the park was handed over by the contractors.

A team of eight volunteers would now be responsible for opening the park at 8am and closing it at 9pm. A litter bin had been installed and the park was to be officially opened on 7th July at 1pm.

Councillors were pleased that things were more settled now and that the park was well used but hoped that the young people would stop using their skateboards on the road and footpaths in the vicinity.

4. North Yorkshire Police.

Sgt Hannan reported that during May there had been an increase in the burglaries because 15 caravans had been broken in to. There were still problems with youths loitering and associated issues at the Flatts and Swimming Pool.

Two new PCSOs had been appointed. PCSO Morrison had left and Sgt Hannan was asked to convey the Council's thanks to him.

Cllr. Austin was concerned that the Saxty Way No Cold Calling Zone appeared to be totally ineffective. Trading Standards would be asked to attend the next meeting and discuss the matter.

Complaints had been received about Year 11 students in the Children's Play Area using intimidating behaviour and chasing parents and children away. Sgt Hannan would ensure that there would be regular policing in the area.

5. To receive the report from County Councillor N. Huxtable on items of relevance to Sowerby and Thirsk.

Cllr. Huxtable had not sent a report.

6. To receive reports from District Councillors.

The new Code of Conduct had been adopted by HDC. Shared services between Hambleton and Richmondshire District Councils were being reviewed to see if they can operate in a different way in order to save money. The priority has to be the ratepayers of Hambleton.

A scheme to get young people of 18 - 24 years in to work had been launched. £100,000 had been allocated from the Service Improvement Reserve. The District Council had taken on three of the six young people within the Operational Services Department. Ten new apprentices have been taken on for the next phase.

The transfer of Hambleton Forum in to private ownership was well on the way. An enquiry in to Bagby Airfield had found maladministration by HDC and £5000.00 was to be awarded to each Parish (Bagby and Thirkleby) by way of an apology. There may be a Closure Order served in future.

Cllr Bridget Fortune had been elected as Chairman and Cllr. Bob Baker as Vice Chairman. Five Directors had been appointed, each being responsible to one Cabinet member. Cllr Robson had been appointed as the portfolio holder for Housing and Planning which included planning policy, homelessness and waste.

Repatriating of certain services would take place. Richmondshire would need to declare how much they were prepared to pay for the services of the Hambleton Officers. Eleven replacement bin wagons were to be leased over 3 years with an option of a further 2 years. Thereafter new vehicles would be phased in a rolling programme of renewals.

There were issues over travellers on the road to South Kilvington but there had been no problems when they stopped over on Blakey Lane.

Cllr. Robson would be part of the welcoming party from Hambleton District Council for the visit of the Olympic Torch.

7. To Adopt the new Code of Conduct.

It was resolved that the HDC Code of Conduct would be adopted and that a Standing Order would be adopted whereby Councillors would leave the room if they needed to declare a pecuniary interest in an item being discussed or voted on.

8. To Discuss Matters Arising.

8.1 Double Yellow Lines. Work at the junction of Green Lane East and Sowerby Road was due to start imminently.

8.2. Road to Tip. Work to fill the potholes was still awaited.

8.3a Queen's Diamond Jubilee. A report from Mr Tucker had been received.

Approximately 400 people had attended. Overall the event had been good. The event had cost approximately £1 per head. Thanks were expressed to Mr Tucker, Cllr. Austin and Sowerby Scouts. Also Thimbelina was thanked for providing the curtains for the plaque unveiling. It was noted that the original plaque would be stored in the Church.

8.3b Olympic Torch. 2,500 school children were expected to attend.

8.4 Next Round of Work to Roadways on the Greens. Good comments had been received about the recent round of resurfacing. At the end of August, tenders would be sought for remedial work needing to be done throughout the Green's area and work would commence in September.

8.5 A Board requests. The Chairman requested that a letter be sent to Oswalds as they appear to leave their A board out all the time. A letter had also been sent to Hummingbird's Nursery reminding them of the terms of displaying an A Board. The Fish and Chip shop appeared to be complying. It was noted that they had placed 2 new boards on NYCC land having got permission from NYCC with similar conditions to remove them when the business was shut. Cllr. Robson would ask the owner if the sign at the junction of Topcliffe Road and Gravel Hole Lane could be repositioned so as not to obstruct the line of vision for drivers.

8.6 Handrail near Miss Warner's Field. The damaged rail had been removed. If there is a need it will be replaced.

9. Planning Applications.

9a Decisions.

See updated pro-forma.

9b New Applications.

See updated pro forma.

A letter of objection had been received from Mr and Mrs Deamer, 1 Danum Avenue, re application 12/00861/FUL

10. Council Communications.

The Website Team were pleased with the progress of the new website.

11. Response to Questions and Answers about Sowerby Gateway Infrastructure.

Cllr. Sadler agreed that the Clerk should write to Area 2 expressing concern and dissatisfaction about the answers given in response to their original questions.

12. Financial Matters.

12a Receipts. Approved as tabled.

12b Payments for approval. Approved as tabled.

The Annual Accounts were approved by Council and the Governance Statement duly agreed and signed.

13. To Receive Correspondence.

-HDC Casual Vacancy. Election requested by 10 people. Election day 19th July 2012. Time table. Nomination Forms to be submitted by noon on 22nd June.

-David Tucker- Queen's Diamond Jubilee Report.

-Thirsk Area Forum. Next meeting 17th July, 6.30pm, Rural Arts.

-HDC. Spray Painting of motif on certain streets to deter Dog Fouling. Initial trial period until end of June. Thereafter further requests can be made for other areas.

-Department for Transport. Highways Act 1980. The A168 Trunk Road (Blakey Lane) (Detrunking) (No 2) order. Section of road in vicinity of matrix on Blakey Lane warning that the road is unsuitable for wider vehicles. Will become a principal road.

Responsibility for upkeep will transfer to NYCC unless objections are received by 11.07.12.

-HDC. Notice of introduction of NPPF (27.03.12) (National Planning Policy Framework) affecting past planning applications, 62 Topcliffe Road, improved A168 Junction and outline application for mixed use development at land off Topcliffe Road and Gravel Hole Lane. ***It was agreed that the changes made no difference to the outcomes of the applications as listed.***

-Defra. Public Consultation re improvements to the policy and legal framework for public rights of way.

-NALC. Policy Consultation. Major Infrastructure Planning Regime.

-Environment Agency. Notice of submission for an environmental permit by Amy Cespa for proposed waste incinerator at Allerton Park. Views will be given by EA on how the proposals could affect the environment.

-NYCC. Prohibition of Waiting at Green Lane East / Sowerby Road. Order 2012.

Audit Commission. Littlejohn LLP to be appointed as external auditor for 2012/13 for five years. Any objections should be raised by 29th June.

- Rural Arts. Complaint made to both Sowerby PC and Thirsk TC about intimidating, threatening behaviour from David Bentley in connection with a problem with an Interpretation Board. Rural Arts to make a complaint to the Police.
- Paint Damage on Interpretation Board. The Chairman would ensure that the paint is removed.

14. To Receive Reports from Sub-Committees.

YLCA. Councillors Storm and Chapman had attended a recent meeting where the Code of Conduct had been discussed and Training Course lists had been made available. They would not be able to attend the October meeting.

Town Hall. Cllr. Beadle reported that the main discussion had been about parking issues at the Conservative Club.

League of Friends of the Lambert Hospital. Mrs Pat Chapman had been elected Chairman at the AGM. Legacy income had reduced compared to the previous year. £8000 of equipment had been purchased for the hospital in the previous year.

15. Any Other Business.

-The Maltings. It was reported that the junction with Topcliffe Road was full of potholes.

-The Jubilee Beacon. A wonderful job had been done by Yorkshire Gliding Club in staging this popular event.

-Property on Green Lane West. Although old vehicles had been moved around the garden they hadn't been removed.

-Property at junction of Green Lane East and Croft Heads. It was hoped that some clearing up would be carried out in the yard.

-Churchyard. The Chairman would talk to the Vicar.

-Dropped curbs would only be installed when improvements were undertaken.

-It was noted that there were no name signs on either entrance of Thirsk School and Sixth Form College.

The next meeting will be held on July 12th 2012.

Chairman

Date