

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council  
held in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall,  
on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

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

**In Attendance.** County Councillor Bob Baker and PCSO L. Walker.

**1. Apologies** were accepted from Cllr. W. Austin and Cllr. Turner.

**2. To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2014.** The minutes were approved and signed.

**3. North Yorkshire Police.**

PCSO Walker reported some road related incidents. Cllr. Robson outlined proposals from the Police which were out for consultation. OPM - see correspondence.

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

Cllr. Baker reported that the yellow lines would be done in due course. He was asked to investigate the removal of car wash signs for which there had been no permission and also to request repainting of white lines at the Admiral's Court junction.

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

District Cllr. Bardon reported that Leisure Facilities in Hambleton had been awarded Quest Status, the National Seal of Approval. Only 10% of such facilities nationwide had received this. He also reported that work had finished on laying the cobbles in Thirsk Market Place and Full Council had agreed to the Dog Warden Service for HDC which would start on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

The Parish Liaison Meeting had been attended by Cllrs. Beadle and France as well as District Councillors Bardon and Robson.

District Councillor Robson, Leader of HDC, reported that a £5m fund would be made available to look at the means to support both business and residents throughout Hambleton. The money would be obtained from £511,000 savings per annum.

There was to be a comprehensive review on recycling by HDC.

It was announced that there would a closure of the B1448/A168 junction from early September for 6 months for work to take place on the new junction. At the same time Blakey Lane would be closed at the bridge to prevent through access.

HDC hoped to take over the land off Gravel Hole Lane for the Sports Village at the end of July.

It was noted that HDC were to carry out work on the paved areas in Thirsk Market Place that are under their ownership. Pedestrians were urged to report uneven, dangerous paving to NYCC in all other areas of the Market Place.

**6. To Discuss Matters Arising.**

**6.1 Play Area CCTV.** The Broadband provision was making progress.

**6.2 Bus Service to Thirsk Station.** Thirsk TC had responded with information about the present service. Cllr. Hoyland was looking for improved co-ordination of services. Cllr Storm would ask the Rail Users Group to get involved. It was also suggested to and Cllr Storm agreed to raise the matter

with the Over 50s Forum as she was a member. It was suggested that a 'Next Bus to Thirsk' illuminated sign would be useful. County Councillor Baker agreed to ask someone from Public Transport to attend a Council meeting.

6.3 Worlds End. Cllr. Robson reported that matters were alright.

6.4. HDC Response re Appeals. There had been no further communication from Andrew Cunningham.

6.5 Consecration of new Churchyard. The Council was pleased to note that all was now official. Cllr Robson noted that it was 22 years ago that he had started negotiations to secure the land for the Church and Parish.

## **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.

## **9. Correspondence.**

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

SELRAP. Skipton-East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership. Update Newsletter.

D. Tucker. Suggestion about work to trees by HDC in Conservation Areas. Fun in the Park 2014. Request for Sowerby event to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> August 11am – 1pm. Approved.

Patient Congress Event 12 June 2014 6pm – 8.30pm Town Hall, Northallerton RBL. Remembrance Sunday Planning meeting: 31<sup>st</sup> July. 7.30pm. RBL Club.

Thirsk8. Request for donation to help with £1500 annual running costs.

NYCC. Meadowfields Extra Care Housing Scheme. Update.

HDC. Mr Gary Nelson, Head of Service – Legal and Information - taken over as Monitoring Officer. Mr Martyn Richards is dealing with Parish Council issues.

Thirsk Tourist Information. Thirsk and Sowerby Past and Present update. Request for proof reading.

NY Police. Development of new Operational Policing Model. Seeking views of community. [www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/police-crime-plan](http://www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/police-crime-plan)

HDC. Notice of European Election Result and notification of 2015 elections on 7<sup>th</sup> May for Parish Councils, HDC election and general Election.

Carers Centre Hambleton & Richmondshire. Carers Week 9<sup>th</sup> June – 15<sup>th</sup> June. [www.hrcarers.org.uk](http://www.hrcarers.org.uk)

NYCC. Information re disruption to traffic movements over LGD weekend 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> July. [www.northyorks.gov.uk/tour](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/tour)

Rural Action Yorkshire (RAY) - certificate of membership.

YLCA. Training Courses in June.

HDC. Annexe at Nebb House, Croft Heads to be known as Little Nebb.

Thirsk Town Council. Interim response to matter of bus service to Thirsk Station.

Area 2. Response to complaint about footpath surface on Back Lane. Some holes filled. Will be slurry sealed in due course.

NYWAG. Allerton Park Incinerator. Concern by some County Councillors about PIP (Pending Issues Provision)

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

Town Hall. Cllr France reported that an external risk assessment had been requested and that a ramp for wheelchair access at the Fire Exit was required at a probable cost of £350 for the Council. The role of Caretaker/Cleaner was under review.

Thirsk Past and Present. Cllr. Hoyland offered to proof read the latest edition.

Thirsk Community Care Assn. Cllr. Beadle reported that £600 had been raised from a Champagne and Strawberry fundraiser. The new Treasurer had reported that there was a £3K deficit.

Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall. Cllr. Storm requested that she be allowed to return to the Town hall committee and Cllr. Robson stepped down.

Thirsk and Sowerby Relief in Need. Cllr. Storm requested that she be allowed to stay on the committee.

Green's Committee. Cllr. Robson had received a request from Fantino's Italian Restaurant to place an A Board on the Greens when they were open for business. It was agreed to allow this for one year on condition that it was taken in on an evening. Permission would need to be renewed in twelve months.

## **11. Any Other Business.**

- Thirsk School. It was noted that no progress had been made with the promised signage. The Headmaster would be asked to provide an update.
- It was requested that the weeds alongside the Flatts Walk at the base of the Conservative Club Wall be removed. Cllr. Robson would organise.
- A request for remarking the loading bay in the vicinity of the Yorkshire Bank would be taken care of when the rest of the lining was carried out.

The next Ordinary Meeting would be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> 2014.

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Chairman

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