

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council held in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall, on Thursday 11th June 2015.

Present. Cllr. P. Bardon, Cllr. P. Beadle, Cllr. D. Bentley, Cllr. P. Chapman, Cllr. G. France, Cllr. M. Robson, Cllr. E. Storm, Cllr. A. Turner and County Councillor Bob Baker.

In Attendance. Fiona Coleman and Kate Maddison from Sowerby Art Group.

Members of the Public. One.

Representatives from Sowerby Art presented an insight into their ideas for the Gateway Art Project, prior to a planning application being submitted.

1. Apologies. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. W. Austin and Cllr. S. Hoyland.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th May 2015.

The minutes were approved and signed.

3. North Yorkshire Police.

There was no report.

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

Cllr. Baker reported that Blakey Bridge was to be closed from 15th June until 19th June. He would take a request for a mirror to Area 2. Show Units for the Extra Care Housing facility off Gravel Hole Lane would be open in September.

5. To receive reports from District Councillors.

Cllr. Bardon reported that he had been appointed vice Chairman of Planning at Hambleton District Council and that he was a member of the Licensing Committee. Cllr. Robson reported that the Parish Liaison Meeting had been very successful. HDC now own the former prison and N. Yorkshire Police were showing interest in purchasing the former Rural Payments Agency site for their new HQ. Moody Bros had taken over as builders on the Gateway site. It was probable that there will be an application from another developer for the next phase of the development.

6. To Discuss Matters Arising.

6.1 Community Speedwatch. A Speedwatch Group had been observed in action on Topcliffe Road, but no contact had been made to a number of people who had been known to have volunteered.

6.2 Thirsk Library Consultations. Latest announcements indicated that there would be more paid staff input than originally envisaged.

6.3 Parking Problems at the Leisure Centre. The present problems with unauthorised parking would be evaluated and dealt with once the development at Meadowfields was completed.

6.4 Figure of Eight Bus Service. The removal of this service as part of £94m of cuts by NYCC, was causing distress to former users. Cllr. Baker was involved with negotiations.

6.5 Blakey Lane. The grass would be cut when the road was closed.

7 Planning Applications.

7a Decisions.

Also see updated pro-forma.

15/00681/FUL. Land adjacent to 62 Back Lane. Construction of bungalow. Granted.

15/003436/FUL. 3 Mowbray Place. Amended plans. Granted.

15/00543/FUL. 27 Back Lane. Vehicular access and driveway. Granted.

15/00544/FUL. Thirsk Rural Business Centre. Retrospective siting of prefabricated buildings. Granted.

7b New Applications.

Also see updated pro-forma. Posted on website and at Library.

15/00958/FUL. OS Field 6152 Oxmoor Plantation Lane, Building for Livestock. Wish to see refused on the grounds of it being in a flood zone and being contrary to DP1, DP30 and DP43.

15/01123/FUL. 1 Turkhan Close. Conservatory Conversion. Wish to see granted. Cllr. Beadle declared a non pecuniary interest.

15/00899/FUL. 55 Front Street. New dwelling house. Concerns from a neighbour were raised but deemed to be not an issue. Wish to see granted.

15/00815/FUL. Cocked Hat Farm. Replacement Industrial Unit. Wish to see granted. Cllrs. Bardon and Robson both declared non pecuniary interest and took no part in the discussion or vote.

15/00955/FUL. 107 Front Street. Replacement windows. Wish to see granted.

8. Financial Matters.

8a Receipts. Approved as tabled. None.

8b Payments for approval. Approved in detail as tabled and posted on website and in the Library. Clerk's wages: £571.43. Grasscutting: £981.60. Insurance Renewal £1275.76. Ink Cartridges: £53.29. HMRC £373.49. Payroll Preparation. £45.00. PAT Testing. £56.40. Town End Plants: £20.96. Town Hall Rent. £62.70. Play Area repairs: £238.00. Broadband: £20.31. Office Rent: £312.00.

9. Correspondence.

- Automatic Enrolment Legal Duties. Confirmation of registration.
- YLCA. Revised Template Rules for recording of Council Meetings. Revision with more relaxed wording adopted.
- Play Area Inspection. Verbal report of clean bill of health.
- Blakey Bridge Closure 15th June -19th June.
- NYCC. Passenger Transport. Proposals at www.northyorks.gov.uk/bussubsidy
- NYCC Awards for Community Projects/Groups and Individuals. Nominations by 31 July 2015. www.northyorks.gov.uk/communityawards.
- HDC. Update on Public Open Space Land at Station Road.
- Moorsbus. Sundays from 5th July to 27th September 2015. Service M11 to begin July 5th. Leaves Thirsk Station 10.55hrs and 15.15hrs. Thirsk Market Place at 11.00 hrs and 15.20 hrs. Arrives Helmsley 11.25hrs and 15.45hrs. Leaves Helmsley 14.30hrs and 16.25hrs and arrives Thirsk Market Place 14.55hrs and 16.50hrs.
- M. Brown. Request for work to shrubs on Cocked Hat Park.
- YLCA. Hambleton Branch Annual Meeting. 24th June 7pm. Galtres Centre. Minutes of meeting on 11th March.
- Reminder re co-option. Proposals in to Chairman by 26th June.
- HDC. Household Survey re Recycling and Waste Services.
- HDC. Call for Sites. Work to begin on New Local Plan. www.hambleton.gov.uk/planning-policy.
- NYCC. Library Consultation. Proposals to Executive Committee on 7th July. Report on democracy.northyorks.gov.uk/committees.aspx?commid=29
- PCC Stokesley Surgery. 6th July 3pm – 5pm.
- RAY. Community Friendly Buildings. Event for Village and Community Halls.
- Magna Carta event. Saturday June 13th at Thirsk Racecourse. 9.30am - 4pm
- Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall. Minutes 13 April 2015 and May 11th 2015.
- YLCA. Routine Playground Inspection Course for Volunteers. Bedale. 18th September.
- Speed Awareness wheelie bin stickers – and effective and cost effective way of encouraging drivers to slow down.

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

Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall. The Chairman of the Town Hall Committee reported that a storage cupboard for the large tables was to be built at the rear of the hall.

Sowerby PC would be requested to pay half the cost.

Thirsk8 Park. A fundraising initiative was being launched.

11. Any Other Business.

- It was noted that various potholes had been filled in on Front Street.

- Parish Liaison Meeting. Stated that Hambleton was one of the healthiest places to live. HDC Streetscene would be introducing a third wheelie bin for more recycling.

Blue boxes would be for glass. From March, the only material that HDC would not collect for recycling would be polystyrene.

- Cllr. Baker was requested to ask Area 2 to check the state of the road surface at the junction of Green Lane East and Sowerby Road where repeated road works had been carried out by the Water Authority and repair where necessary.

Chairman

Date