

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council held in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall, on Thursday 8th October 2015.

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

In Attendance. A member of the public and S. Minting D & S Times.

Members of the Public. A member of the public raised concern about the height of the hedge adjoining the footpath alongside Blakey Lane and asked if it could be lowered in the interest of public safety. Cllr. Robson undertook to speak to the owner of the hedge.

The footpath in question was noted to be very rough in places. The wayleave for the path was part of The Pines Development.

County Councillor Baker, in response to a question about hedge cutting and responsibility for flat tyres said that Contractors should try to remove the debris and any recourse is via the Contractor.

A request was made for a yellow no waiting box to be painted at the junction of Topcliffe Road and Sowerby Road at Town End. Cllr. Baker would follow up this request.

1. Apologies. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. Austin who was on holiday and Cllr. Turner who was at work.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th September 2015.

The minutes were approved, with one correction which was included in the published minutes, and signed.

3. North Yorkshire Police.

A report was circulated, although NYP had been called to an incident.

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

Cllr. Baker confirmed that the drains on Sowerby Road had been partly cleared. He asked that anyone observing people moving the width restriction blocks on Blakey Lane should report them to the Police as an offence is being committed. He noted that whoever the culprit is, they are not helping the community, because if it continues Blakey Bridge will be closed for everybody by NYCC.

Bids for a share of a NYCC Community Fund of £5000 will be open from 9th October. Contact Cllr. Baker.

5. To receive reports from District Councillors.

District Councillor Bardon reported that the HDC Annual Report 2014 – 2015 was available, along with the Community Plan to 2019 and Budget Consultation.

The third wheeled bins for recyclables would be due in February. There had been a mainly favourable response. It was requested that members of the public should do their best to remove them from the roadside as soon as possible after collection.

6. To Discuss Matters Arising.

6.1 Buffer Depot. A sign advertising 'Units to Let' had been positioned.

6.2 White Lining on Westgate at junction of Chapel Street. NYCC had undertaken to look at this matter. Some white lining is on-going and it was evident that parked vehicles were causing a problem.

6.3 Figure of Eight Bus Service. Cllr. Robson announced that Thirsk Minibus Association Trustees would trial a 3 month scheme to provide a local service on a Monday, which would depend on volunteer drivers. The service would start on

Monday November 2nd at 10am with a return at 1pm. If successful the service would be extended to 6 months. It was dependant on volunteer drivers coming forward.

6.4 Tin Tack Lane. A further cut of overgrown vegetation had been requested via Cllr Baker.

6.5 Recreational Land. Cllr. Hoyland requested that the Council and Flatt's Trust look in to designating the Flatts, Miss Warners Field and Potter's Memorial Field as Open Green Space.

7. Presentations at Council Meetings. It was resolved that meetings would start at 7.30pm as at present, but speakers would be asked to limit their presentation to a suitable time and to be adequately prepared with suitable visual aids.

8. Library to be part volunteer run in 2017. Cllr. Hoyland noted that Great Ayton Parish Council had put £30,000 in their precept to pay for additional hours for trained library staff. It was agreed that the situation in Thirsk and Sowerby Library would be monitored. A meeting for potential volunteers would be held on 11th November at the Library 10am – 1pm. Cllr. Bardon pointed out that if there was an expectation for funding additional hours then all local Councils should be involved.

9 Planning Applications.

9a Decisions. 15/01783/LBC and 15/01782/FUL 90 Front Street. Granted

15/01383/FUL 16 Gravel Hole Lane. Granted.

15/001735/FUL 32 Cocked Hat Park. Granted.

15/01568/MRC Variation of Condition 4 new substation. Granted.

15/00958/FUL OS Field 6152 Ox Moor Plantation Lane. Granted.

Also see updated pro-forma.

9b New Applications. -15/01997/FUL Replacement windows at 3 Belgrave Terrace. Wish to see approved.

- 15/02106/FUL replacement windows and door at 29 Front Street. Wish to see approved.

- 15/02104/FUL 27 Front Street. Replacement of windows. Wish to see approved.

- 15/01808/FUL Sowerby Gateway Art Strategy. Wish to see approved.

- 15/02211/FUL Proposed bungalow at Holmefield. Wish to see approved.

- NYCC. NY/2015/0267/FUL. Replacement prefabricated classroom. Wish to see approved.

- 15/02001/FUL 24 South Crescent. Replacement window. Wish to see approved. Replacement door. Wish to see refused.

- 15/02172/CAT 77 Front Street. Tree work. Wish to see refused.

10. Financial Matters.

10a **Receipts.** Approved as tabled. Interest £1.13; Npower substation rent. £5.00: HDC ½ precept £31,000.00.

10b **Payments for approval.** Approved in detail as tabled and posted on website. Wages: £571.63; Paper £6.00; Grass cutting £981.60 and £3684.00; Town Hall Rent £62.04; Grit Bin Replenishment £90.00; Broadband £20.31; Office Rent £312.00.

10c **Skate Park.** A donation of £400 was agreed.

10d **Mobile Speed Matrix.** Legislation had now changed and it was possible for Councils to purchase or rent mobile speed warning devices. In light of the numerous complaints about speeding in Sowerby and a number of smaller parishes already asking that if Sowerby PC was to purchase one they would be interested in hiring it, it was agreed to research further within a budget of £5000.00. Consideration needed to be given to management of the device.

11. Correspondence. HDC. Have your say on HDC's Budget 2016/17.

www.hambleton.gov.uk/survey/budget, 01609 779977 or call in to a District Council Office.

Lambert Hospital. Informal Meeting for invited people re future of the hospital. Cllrs Austin and Beadle to attend.

YLCA. Hambleton Branch Meeting. 20th October, 7pm Town Hall, Northallerton.
HDC. Hambleton Parish Liaison Meeting. Thursday 19th November 7pm. Cllrs.
Hoyland and Beadle to attend.
HDC. Precept Arrangements for 2016/17. Deadline 31 December 2015.
Area 2 meeting for Clerks re future electronic communication.
NYCC. Meeting for potential Library Volunteers. November 11th 10am–1pm. Drop In.
Name suggestions requested for Extra Care Facility off Gravel Hole Lane. *Herriott
House and Herriott Gardens were suggested.*
Temporary Road Closures for Remembrance events.
NY Fire Cover Review. Concerns over the safety of the public.
Area 2. Blakey Bridge. Work scheduled for 2016/2017. In the meantime temporary
measures will remain in place and will be regularly monitored.
HDC. Street Light Maintenance. Cleaned and bulbs changed every 3 years.
Electrically tested every 6 years.
Integrated Passenger Transport. Response from Graham North, NYCC.

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

Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall. Cllr France noted that he would not be at the
November Meeting. He circulated reports.

13. Any Other Business.

Councillors were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Mr. J. Moorhouse who
had been a supporter of the work of Sowerby Parish Council.
It was noted that a recent Care Quality Report had praised Meadowfields.
Certain aspects of the Council website required updating. eg. Meadowfields. Cllr.
Hoyland to action.
Integrated Passenger Transport. Cllr. Hoyland would respond to Graham North's
recent correspondence, highlighting the need for times of buses to be displayed on
an electronic board or on a notice board.

Chairman

Date