

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council
held in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall,
on Thursday 13th February 2014**

Present: Cllr. W. Austin, Cllr. P. Bardon, Cllr. P. Beadle. Cllr. D. Bentley, Cllr. P. Chapman, Cllr. S. Hoyland, Cllr. M. Robson, Cllr. E. Storm and Cllr. C. Ungley.

In Attendance.

Members of the Public. There was one member of the public in attendance.

The Chairman Cllr W. Austin welcomed Charles Ungley and invited him to sign his Declaration of Office as a Parish Councillor, which he duly did.

1. Apologies. Apologies were accepted from Cllr. G. France, Cllr. A. Turner and County Councillor R. Baker. Apologies were later received from PCSO Lucy Walker who had been involved with an incident at the time of the meeting.

2. To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th January 2014. The minutes were approved and signed.

3. North Yorkshire Police.

No official report, but there had been a spate of burglaries in Back Lane.

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

No Report.

5. To receive reports from District Councillors.

District Councillor Bardon reported that eight new traveller sites were to be provided at Sutton on the Forest. A target of twenty six new sites had been set in the District by 2027.

Planning permission had been granted for 40 dwellings, of which 16 would be affordable, on land between Thirsk CP School and the St Mary's Estate in Thirsk.

HDC Cabinet were to recommend that there would be no increase in Council Tax. This was to be ratified by Full Council. The zero levy would not result in any cuts to services.

The changing rooms at Thirsk Leisure Centre had been refurbished using over £80,000 from HDC.

The Thirsk and Sowerby Community Care Association had been awarded a grant for Meals on Wheels.

6. To Discuss Matters Arising.

6.1 Sowerby Gateway Parking Issues. There was a likelihood of delays on Gravel Hole Lane due to further works connected with the new sewage system. Weather permitting, curbs would be put in on the new section of Topcliffe Road, followed by a complete road closure in March for resurfacing.

6.2 Blakey Bridge. Notification had been received from Area 2 that bridge repairs would be carried out in due course.

6.3 Yellow Lines. A reminder would be sent to Area 2 that they had promised yellow lines in a number of locations by the end of the financial year and as yet there had not even been any consultation.

6.4 Overgrown Trees at Thirsk School. No response had been received from the school site manager Andy Whitfield, but it was hoped that work would be done to the trees. The promised signage had not yet appeared.

6.5 Reduction of Subsidised Bus Service. NYCC had removed the subsidy. Cllr. Robson was hopeful that there may be Section 106 money available at the end of Phase One of Sowerby Gateway to provide a local service. Cllr. Hoyland was asked to research funding by local Councils to fund the station bus.

6.6 Play Area CCTV. BT had advised of a delay in delivery.

6.7 Pavement Obstruction. NYCC would be asked to cut the offending hedge and undergrowth and invoice the owner of the property, 2 Mowbray Terrace. A report would be given to HDC about a large deposit of cigarette butts in the gateway to the property and on the public footpath.

6.8 CAB Representative. Carol Shreeve would attend the March Annual Parish Meeting.

6.9 Town Hall Celebrations. There would be a concert on Saturday 2nd March with the Royal British Legion Band and the Mowbray Singers to celebrate the Town Hall's 101st Anniversary.

6.10. Gutter on Flatts Walk. The situation would be monitored. It was queried as to whether the U gutter might be replaced.

6.11. Four Way Junction on A168. Cllr. Robson reported that work would not take place as imminently as had been first suggested, as there had been delays with the works on Topcliffe Road and there were considerations with the Highways Agency to be taken into account.

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 also agreed to donate £100 to Thirsk Christmas Lights.

10. Correspondence.

RAF Leeming. Increased low flying activity 27 – 30 January.

HDC. Section 106 Agreement no 544 – Sowerby Gateway.

Heather Limbach. Proposal from Churches for events to commemorate outbreak of WW1. (Circulated)

NYCC. Temporary 30mph speed limit B1448 10th February for 3 months (extend to end July if necessary).

HDC. Infrastructure Levy CIL. Consultation on Draft Charging Schedule. (Circulated)

HDC. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places for Parliamentary Elections.

Thirsk & District Business Association – Ladies Section. Thirsk Christmas Lights 2013.

NYCC. Hambleton Area Committee. 10th February 2pm.

Russell Hinton. Street Signage and naming suggestions. *These would be considered.*

NYCC. Local and Family History Day 15th March, Pavillions, Harrogate, £2. 10am – 4pm.

NYCC. Update on Meadowfields and Public Library Development.

NYCC. Update on changes to subsidised bus services.

Thirsk School. Response to request for completion of works to trees in school grounds.

HDC. Sowerby Sports Village Stakeholders meeting 21st March.

David Tucker. Magna Carta Celebrations. *Cllrs. Austin and Storm volunteered to help with this.*

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

Town Hall. Notice of Concert as previously noted. 6.9.

Lambert Hospital League of Friends. The TV in the day room had been replaced.

12. Any Other Business.

- Car Sales on Tesco Car Park. It was noted that the cars were there purely for advertising.
- Lorries on Gravel Hole Lane. The Chairman had spoken to the Sowerby Gateway Site Manager, reminding him of the earlier agreement to keep such vehicles away from the village. Recently lorries connected with sewage works had had to use Gravel Hole Lane.
- Land for Development Advert in Local Press. As a result of the partial review of the LDF a need had been identified for further housing and HDC were looking for potential sites.
- Network Rail signs for the Station at Town End and the Maltings entrance off Topcliffe Road. These were in need of refurbishment.
- Dog Fouling. The situation was appalling as is often the case early in the year. It was hoped that the footpath signs would be repainted.
- Locks Bridge. The railings had been repaired.
- Street Light Time Switches. It was apparent that some lights still needed to settle down and it would likely take 3 months for them all to turn off at the selected time.

The next Ordinary Meeting will be held on March 13th 2014 and Councillors were reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting would commence at 7pm. Electronic Reports would be welcomed but said reports would need to be read out at the meeting.

Chairman

Date