

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council
held in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall,
on Thursday 10th January 2013.**

Present: Cllr. W. Austin, Cllr. P. Bardon, Cllr. P. Beadle, Cllr. D. Bentley, Cllr. G. France, Cllr. S. Hoyland, Cllr. M. Robson, (Chairman) and Cllr. E. Storm

In Attendance. PCSO Nigel Warby and one other.

Members of the Public. None.

1. Apologies were accepted from County Councillor N. Huxtable, Cllr. P. Chapman, Cllr. D. Wood and Cllr A. Turner.

2. To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th December 2012. The minutes were approved and signed. It was noted that Thirsk Community Woodland's Group had donated the Jubilee Tree.

3. North Yorkshire Police.

PCSO Warby gave statistics showing that crime had reduced by 10% in North Yorkshire and it was noted that a few people were responsible for a number of incidents. The Drink Driving Campaign 1st Dec - 7th Jan had been successful. Condolences were given to the force on the death of their Harrogate colleague in a motor accident at West Tanfield.

The Chairman confirmed that the local Police and the Primary School Head-teachers had all been thanked for their work to relieve traffic congestion around the Primary Schools.

There was confirmation that the Police visited the Skate Park regularly.

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

There was no report from Cllr. Huxtable who was unable to attend.

5. To receive reports from District Councillors.

Concern was raised that incidents of dog fouling were on the increase around the Parish.

The Chairman reported that the sprayed on No Fouling signs on footpaths would be put elsewhere in the district, some with permission from NYCC. Reports indicated that the project had been a greater success than if it had not been there.

6. To Discuss Matters Arising.

6.1 Cessation of Area Forums. An alternative will be considered in late January.

6.2 Station Road surface. Resurfacing was scheduled by March.

6.3 Pedestrian Crossing Areas in the Market Place and Pedestrian Setts across the cobbles near the Golden Fleece. This matter would be dealt with before March.

6.4. Road to Tip. The state of the road was deteriorating even more and causing considerable concern. There was an increasing risk of fly tipping occurring as drivers were wary of using the road in such a dangerous condition.

6.5 Works to Trees. The recent survey had identified one lime tree as being in a dangerous condition and it would be removed as soon as possible and a

replacement planted. Cllr. Bentley asked that the tree near his property be checked.

6.6 Entrance to Medical Centre. It was noted that this area is private/County land and yet motorists continued to park inconsiderately.

6.7 Flatts Trust Changing Rooms. The Chairman reported that there was to be a Team Tidy Up at the rear of the Changing Rooms and around the Swimming Pool.

6.8 Snickett by the side of the Play Area. This path had been repaired with hardcore.

6.9 Trees Obscuring Lamp Posts. The owner of trees in Belgrave Terrace would be contacted to get an update about proposed works.

6.10. Sowerby Gateway. The Chairman confirmed that the Section 106 Agreement was with the land and not the Developer.

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. To Receive Correspondence.

- HDC. Formal notice that Area Forums are to cease in their present form.
- D. Turner. Complaint about Litter. *Chairman to meet with DT and discuss.*
- L. Hoyland. Complaint about car parking on grassed area at Freeman's Way. *PC has no jurisdiction yet. Refer to Taylor Wimpey.*
- D. Lofthouse. Request to site a bench in memory of Harold Lofthouse.
- Proludic. Quotation confirmed at £33,986 for upgrade of junior play equipment.
- Northallerton College, Allertonshire School and Risedale College proposed Federation.
- Reminder of meeting at 7.30pm in Courthouse on 12th February re London, Edinburgh, London Cycle Ride

10. To Receive Reports from Sub-Committees.

Website. Cllr Hoyland reported that use of the website was steady.

11. Any Other Business.

- Complaints were made that once again there had been no heat in the meeting room and the tables were dirty.
- Cllr. Bentley noted that the Secure by Design Discharge Agreement for SW Thirsk had been posted.
- The Chairman concluded by thanking everybody for their support at the Carol Service.

The next meeting will be held on February 14th 2013.

Chairman

Date