

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council
held in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall,
on Thursday 8th May 2014**

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

In Attendance. County Councillor Bob Baker and one member of the public.

The member of the public thanked the Council for their excellent service to the community and for looking after the village so well.

An enquiry was made regarding repairs to Blakey Bridge whilst the fibre optic cable work was ongoing and Blakey Lane was closed. Regrettably English Heritage permission to retrieve the bridge stonework from the beck had not yet been granted so the bridge repair would have to be done at a later date.

Annual Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council.

1. Election of Chairman. Cllr. Robson proposed that Cllr. Austin be elected and Cllr. Bardon seconded the proposal. Cllr. Austin was duly elected as Chairman for 2014 - 2015 and signed the Declaration of Office.

2. Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr. E. Storm and Cllr. A. Turner.

3. Election of Vice Chairman. Cllr. Robson proposed that Cllr. Bardon be elected as Vice Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Beadle. Cllr. Bardon was duly elected as Vice Chairman for 2014 -2015.

4. Committee Members. Please see attached document.

Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council.

Members of the Public. One.

1. Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Storm and Cllr. Turner.

2. To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th April 2014. The minutes were approved and signed.

3. North Yorkshire Police.
No report.

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

Cllr. Baker reported that Highways were looking at the junction of Blakey Close and Blakey Lane. He promised to get Area 2 to look at the supposedly refreshed yellow lines at The Maltings.

It was noted that the signs for 'No Construction Traffic' had gone from Topcliffe Road and some contractors were using Topcliffe Road.

5. To receive reports from District Councillors.

District Cllr. Robson explained that until the contractors handed over works at Meadowfields, they were responsible for the land at the side of the Flatts Walk.

Management would revert to The Flatts Trust once the work was completed.

District Councillor Bardon reported that work was progressing well with the work to the cobbles in Thirsk Market Place. Cabinet had approved a Dog

Warden Service for HDC which would be in place by the end of June, if Full Council agreed.

6. To Discuss Matters Arising.

6.1 Play Area CCTV. BT were to attend on 9th May to put in the new line.

6.2 Installation of new sewer for Sowerby Gateway. It was reported that the contractors were still experiencing difficulties with excavations in the sand, resulting in further delays. Back Lane was now open to all traffic except buses. Yorkshire Water were to be congratulated for their good communication.

6.3 Bus Service to Thirsk Station. The proposal to discuss a possible solution to the withdrawal of the subsidy on the station bus service on behalf of Sowerby PC would be sent to Thirsk TC.

6.4 Worlds End. The agreement about land at Worlds End would be checked in light of a new fence having been constructed. It was noted that the title of Lord of the Manor had been passed to Anthony Bell.

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.

8c Report from Internal Auditor. The 2013/2014 Accounts had been approved by Mrs V. Easby, the Internal Auditor, who confirmed that the Council had a sound system of internal financial control in place. It was recommended that there should be a six monthly budget reconciliation by the Finance Committee.

9. Correspondence.

St Oswald's Church. Consecration of new Churchyard Extension. Sunday 1st June at 11.45am. Open invitation to attend.

YLCA. White Rose Update.

CAB. Thanks for £100 donation.

Yorkshire Water. Works to sewer in Back Lane to continue until mid-June but road closure will be removed as from end of April.

NYCC. Will cease to provide grass cutting from April 2015.

Allianz. 5% discount if we agree to renew for 3 years

HDC. Laura Venn. Land Registry. Transfer of Land - Persimmon Homes, Station Road.

Clerks and Councils Direct.

NYCC Update on Meadowfields. Phase One to be handed over on 23rd May and Cherrygarth residents move in 27th May. Phase Two to start early June and be completed Spring 2015.

ICO. Confirmation of Renewal of Registration.

NYCC. Closure of Blakey Lane for bridge repairs 6th May – 10th May.

NYCC. Closure of B1448 Topcliffe Road for carriageway resurfacing 31 May – 28 June 2014.

BT. To connect new line on Friday 9th May. Pole erected 2nd May 2014

HDC. No response yet to letter to Mr Wood re Appeal decisions. Andrew Cunningham chasing it.

NYCC. North Yorkshire Now.

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

- Play Area. The bearings on the rotating see saw appeared to be in good order at the moment.
- Parish Liaison Meeting. Cllrs. Beadle and France would represent Sowerby Parish Council at the meeting on June 5th.
- League of Friends. P. Chapman had been elected as Chairman.

11. Any Other Business.

- Concern was raised about a short cut being used by local motorists to avoid the traffic lights in the vicinity of the Gateway works. The field gate would be locked.
- Concern was raised about undergrowth encroaching on the footpath opposite the Racecourse. Cllr. Robson offered to talk to the landowner.
- A request was made for Sowerby Scout Group to be allowed to plant some saplings. It was suggested that the Skate Park might be a good place.
- Revised plans for the Sowerby Sports Village had been well received by the public.

The next Ordinary Meeting would be held on June 12th 2014. Cllr Austin gave his apologies and Cllr. Bardon would chair the meeting.

Chairman

Date