

**Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council
held in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall,
on Thursday 9th October 2014**

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

In Attendance. County Councillor Bob Baker and Stuart Minting D & S Times.

Mrs Fiona Coleman and Mr Rick Falconer. PCSO Kim Law.

Members of the Public. None in attendance.

1. Apologies were accepted from Cllr. G. France and Cllr. A. Turner

2. To approve and sign the minutes of the previous meetings held on 11th September 2014. The minutes were approved and signed.

3. North Yorkshire Police.

A list of Sowerby related incidents was given by PCSO Law. There had been complaints about speeding on Topcliffe Road which would be looked into. With winter approaching it had been observed that some young people delivering newspapers did not have lights on their bicycles and also the schools would be asked to remind parents of the dangers of getting children out of cars into the road.

4. Arts Grant.

Fiona Coleman representing Mulberry Homes and Rick Falconer on behalf of Chrysallis Arts outlined a Public Arts Project to be delivered to the roundabouts and junctions in the vicinity of Sowerby Gateway. A prestigious grant of £58,250 had been given by the Arts Council and would be matched by Mulberry Homes and backed by Hambleton District Council, to create landscape connections with a theme of 'Sustainability'. Local artists and artisans will soon be invited to take part in the project to be delivered by Chrysallis Arts and Rural Arts in Summer 2015.

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

Cllr. Baker gave a short report and was pleased to report that Blakey Bridge had reopened with a temporary width restriction of 6'6" and an extension of the 30mph restriction. He announced the recent launch of Drive Alive to draw attention to the very dangerous situation on North Yorkshire's rural roads. He was asked to find out the results of the recent Education survey for the Sowerby / Thirsk area.

6. To receive reports from District Councillors.

District Cllr. Robson reported that HDC had written to Mulberry Homes enquiring why, almost six months after the occupation of the first dwelling there appeared to be no movement on the promise to upgrade the B1448 / A168 junction.

Vela Homes, now known as Housing 13, had begun work on the extra care housing facility off Gravel Hole Lane.

7. To Discuss Matters Arising.

7.1 Market Place Improvements. Work to plant new trees and improve the area around the clock was imminent.

7.2 Portable Speed Matrix. Cllr. Bardon reported that the matrix he thought may be available for hire was not. Cllr. Robson offered to look in to the matter as other villages were also interested.

8 Planning Applications.

8a Decisions.

See updated pro-forma.

8b New Applications.

See updated pro forma.

9. Financial Matters.

9a Receipts. Approved as tabled.

9b Payments for approval. Approved as tabled.

10. Station Bus Route.

Cllr. Hoyland had presented ideas for improvements which could help travellers in light of the reduction of the bus service from the Market Place to the railway station, including having a timetable at the station. Various organisations would be lobbied.

11. Correspondence.

Aire Valley Tree Services Ltd. Quotation for work to Lime Trees. £2,325.00 + VAT. **Agreed to proceed.**

Peter Rush. Complaint and warning of potential for legal action re missing Bollard on Flatts Walk and Cycleway. **New Bollard in place. Flatts Trust matter rather than Parish Council.**

Landlord at Crown and Anchor. Request for Renewal of Permission for advertising board on Council land and request for permission for a second board. **Permission given for one sign to be displayed on the Village Green during opening hours and permission to be renewed annually.**

NYCC Hambleton Area Committee. Vacancy for a Co-opted Member. List of candidates to be circulated on 3rd November. Vote to be taken by 12th January 2015

Thirsk & District Business Association Ladies Section. Request for Donation towards Christmas Lights. **£100 donated.**

HDC. Temporary Road Closures for Remembrance Day events 9th and 11th November 2014

HDC. Notice of temporary 30mph speed limit on Blakey Lane and temporary 2m width restriction on Blakey Bridge from 19th September to 10th October 2014 and thereafter from 27th October 2014 to 27th April 2016.

HDC Arrangements for Parish Precept Setting for Financial Year 2015/16

Cllr. S. Hoyland. Points for discussion re Station Bus Service.

Great North Air Ambulance. Request for Donation.

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

There were no reports.

13. Any Other Business.

Fantini Signs on Parish Council land. It was noted that although permission had been granted for one sign to be placed on the Village Green, the landlord had propped up an additional sign. He would be asked to remove it.

19 Mowbray Place. HDC would be asked to follow up an earlier request re planning procedures.

Carol Singing around the Christmas Tree on 16th December at 7pm.

Early morning Noise Complaints had been received from a number of residents of Back Lane and would be referred to Environmental Health.

Timber in the Play Area. It was noted that timber around the zip line bark pit and also on the steps to the yellow slide would need replacing next year. A suggestion had been made to consider using a composite material which would not rot.

Chairman

Date