

Sowerby Parish Council  
Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting 8th February 2018

Present: Cllr. M. Robson, Cllr. P. Bardon, Cllr P Beadle, Cllr. D. Gray, Cllr. E. Storm, Cllr G Foxton, Cllr S Hoyland, Cllr Turner and Cllr C Snowden.

Also present were 3 representatives from Yorkshire Water, Fiona Coleman and the Clerk, Alexandra Little.

1. A McKinley from Yorkshire Water outlined the project underway to remove water processing from Bagby and redirect this to the Sowerby/Thirsk treatment plant. A pumping station will be located in the most suitable position to allow waste to be transferred and the works at Sowerby are undertaking some substantial renovations to allow this waste to be accepted without issue and with the capacity to achieve National Environment targets to reduce phosphorus output to under 1mg per litre by 2020. It is not anticipated that this will put extra pressure on the treatment works because of their existing capacity and the works being done. Yorkshire Water are working with the expected population of 2030 in order to futureproof these changes. No plans were shown at this stage as landowners need to be contacted and agreement gained.

Fiona Coleman presented the design for the artwork on the roundabout which received positive comments from councillors and this will now be put into a planning application. It was requested that the designer sources materials from the local area if possible.

2. Apologies for absence received and accepted from Cllr. P. Chapman.
3. Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 8th February 2017 were signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Hoyland and seconded by Cllr Gray.
4. No NY Police present. Congratulations and thanks were offered to C Mayes who has recently taken up a post as Sergeant in Harrogate.
5. Cllr Baker advised that Council Tax for NYCC will increase by 4.98%  
Blocked gulleys and surface water issues on Topcliffe Road were raised again and clerk to follow up with Area 2.  
A question was raised regarding governance at Sowerby Primary School as this has recently converted to an academy. Clerk to email headteacher and request information.
6. District Councillors  
Council Tax will increase for HDC by £5 in a Band D property and as such will remain the lowest charging authority in Yorkshire and the 3rd lowest charging in the country.  
The Making a Difference programme has been launched for the 4th year with a fund of £125,000 to be distributed around the 5 market towns and surrounding villages.  
20% discretionary rate relief has been given to the libraries for 2018/2018.
7. Matters arising from minutes
  - a. Shine TV will send an agreement for signing now this has been reviewed by a legal team
  - b. Play area off Station Road has sustained some damage and this will be reviewed in line with insurance. It is still secure for children to play.
8. Planning Applications
  - a. Decisions and New Applications see appendix i

Signed:  
Chairman  
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**Resolved Clerk to feedback comments to planning department**

9. Financial Matters

**Resolved all payments approved**

see appendix ii

A discussion took place around the 100 year commemoration and Cllr Robson suggested that the council make a donation to the Royal British Legion to assist them in their costs with commemoration.

Cllr Bardon proposed a donation of £600 be made and this was seconded by Cllr Gray and agreed unanimously.

**Resolved that Sowerby Parish Council donate £600 to Royal British Legion Thirsk Branch**

10. To receive Correspondence for information only

see appendix iii

11. Reports from Sub Committees

Updates were received from: Festival on the Flatts as this is coming together well

12. Any other business that may be legally discussed:

- a. A litter pick will be organised by Cllr Foxtton for 18th March

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 8th March 2018 7.30pm**

**Meeting Closed at 8.38pm**

Signed:  
Chairman  
Date:

## Appendix i Planning

### Decisions

17/02575/RPN	Larger Extension 52 Kings Meadows	Prior Approval Not Required	
17/02647/CAT	Work to trees Glebe House, 25 Front Street	WTSA	Granted
17/02403/FUL	Alterations 1 Turkhan Close	WTSA	Granted

### Applications

17/02404/FUL	Amended Alterations and extension to existing dwelling 32 Lochranza Road	WTSA	
17/02632/FUL	Proposed extension and provision of office space The Willows, Thirsk Garden Centre	WTSA	
17/02674/FUL	8 Belgrave Terrace Replacement of window over front door and 2 side elevation windows	WTSA	

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<b>Appendix ii Finance</b>					
<b>February 2018</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Payment Method</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Balances</b>					
30.01.2018	Community Account		87,541.91		<b>87,541.91</b>
13.12.2017	Business Saver Account Balance		9,045.07		<b>96,586.98</b>
<b>Receipts</b>					
Nil					
<b>Payments</b>					
15.01.2018	Clerk Salary	SO	737.95	0.00	<b>737.95</b>
28.01.2018	NEST Pension	SO	72.92	0.00	<b>72.92</b>
01.02.2018	R Milka Office Rent	SO	312.00	0.00	<b>312.00</b>
07.01.2018	BT	DDM	89.66	17.93	<b>107.59</b>
31.01.2018	SGS Salting	102371	362.50	72.50	<b>435.00</b>
25.01.2018	C M A Little Cross Cut Shredder and Office Stationery	102370	116.20	0.00	<b>116.20</b>
08.02.2018	J S Tomlinson Playground Assessment & Repairs	102372	70.00	0.00	<b>70.00</b>
08.02.2018	Telecom Yorkshire Telecoms Supply	102373	102.78	20.56	<b>123.34</b>
08.02.2018	Flatts Trust Insurance	102374	418.89	0.00	<b>418.89</b>
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<b>Summary</b>					
	Monthly Expenditure		3,020.85	110.99	<b>3,131.84</b>
	Projected Balance				<b>93,455.14</b>

**Appendix iii Correspondence**

Emails have been circulated during the time since the last meeting and no further action necessary

Letter from C Northridge/Royal British Legion regarding 100 year celebration

Public Liability Insurance copy for Shine TV

Rail Users Group Minutes 10.01.18

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