

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council on Thursday 12th October at 7.30pm in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Annexe.

Present: Cllr M Robson (Chairman); Cllr P Bardon; Cllr T Beadle; Cllr Y Bowling; Cllr G France; Cllr S Hoyland; Cllr C Snowden; Cllr E Storm and Cllr A Turner.

Also Present: Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

Cllr M Robson notified councillors of the recent, sudden death of former North Yorkshire County Councillor, Bob Baker and offered condolences on behalf of the Parish Council to Bob's family. A moments silence was observed.

23/063 Members of the public to raise any items of importance (maximum of 10 minutes)
No members of the public present.

23/064 To receive apologies for absence

It was resolved to receive and accept apologies for absence from Cllr A Jackson

D Hannan has submitted his resignation and the Clerk has notified electoral services. Thanks were offered to Mr Hannan for his time on the Parish Council.

23/065 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 14th September 2023
It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 14th September 2023 be approved

23/066 To receive report from North Yorkshire Police
No representative of NYP was present.

23/067 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council on items of relevance to Sowerby
D Whitfield has resigned from his post as Ward Councillor for Sowerby and Topcliffe Ward however Sowerby Parish Council has not been formally notified of the resignation. The Clerk contacted NYC Democratic Services to ask why SPC had not been advised and a response was received which was contrary to the NYC commitment of wishing to work closely with the town and parish councils. Councillors felt that he had resigned as a member of NYC, not the Green Party and requested that the Clerk write and express disappointment with this reply.

23/068 Planning Applications

see appendix i

It was resolved that the Clerk will submit comments to the planning authority

23/069 Financial Matters

Receipts

To Note and Approve Payments

To note the Conclusion of the External Audit

see appendix ii

It was resolved that payments be made and receipts noted

It was resolved that the publication of the conclusion of the audit be noted

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23/070 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

1. 80th Anniversary D Day - Cllr Bowling will bring this back to a future meeting.
2. Councillors were reminded to complete their updated Register of Interests.
3. Highways matters were reviewed and a short update given. Works on Topcliffe Road are paused again until spring whilst the team undertake winter gritting duties.
4. Trees which are damaged have been reported to the land owners.

23/071 To receive correspondence for information only

1. A resident had raised a concern regarding a raised manhole cover on Front Street. The Chairman has looked at this and it is a fire hydrant, so should be raised, however the contractor will put something around it to lessen this.
2. A resident had written to comment about the recent replacement of re gravel on the path adjacent to The Limes. This was noted and the Clerk will reply to advise that appropriate advice had been taken regarding the surface.

23/072 To receive reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

No reports from these organisations.

23/073 Any other business that may be legally discussed

Items requiring a decision will be placed on a future agenda

1. Growth around the benches on the Flatts Footpath needs cutting back.
2. A reply had been received from a NYC officer regarding the S106 monies for a bus service around Sowerby Gateway and this is being looked into. The Clerk will follow this up if no further reply is received in the next month.
3. Concern was raised about the traffic management on the approach to the roundabout at York Road/A19/A168. The Clerk will write to raise this with Area2 requesting that the speed limit on the approach be reconsidered.
4. Disused bus stops are still in place on Front Street, these have not been used for some time and are causing confusion. The Clerk will write to Area2 regarding this.
5. Smell of drains on Station Road is recurring, this will be reported to Area2 again.
6. Annual grass cutting verges 14 cuts has been completed for this year and a further cut has been authorised if needed. Cutting in the play area is still being left too long and this will be addressed with that contractor.

23/074 To confirm the date of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting will be Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.02pm

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Appendix i Planning

Decisions

ZB23/01661/FUL Granted
Retrospective application for new windows, front door and surround
122A Front Street Sowerby

ZB23/01352/FUL Granted
Application for a dropped kerb leading into the property
Sweet Briar 27A Back Lane Sowerby Thirsk

ZB23/01519/CAT Granted
Works to fell trees in a conservation area
St Oswalds Church Granted

ZB23/00855/FUL Granted
Conversion of a redundant agricultural building to form a single dwelling
Thorpefield Farm Thorpefield

ZB23/01693/CAT Granted
Application for works to trees in a conservation area
Glebe House 25 Front Street Sowerby

ZB23/01053/FUL Granted
Proposed single storey rear sun lounge extension
54A Admirals Court Sowerby

ZB23/01655/FUL Granted
Alterations to front elevation comprising replacement windows and front door with new frame and canopy
58 Front Street Sowerby

Applications

ZB23/01896/SPC Application for prior notification for the installation of 23 solar photovoltaics
Lambert Memorial Hospital

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

ZB23/01942/CAT Removal of 4 Conifer Trees
8 Sowerby Road

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved