

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council
held on Thursday 9th June at 7.30pm in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Annexe.

Present: Cllr M Robson (Chairman), Cllr P Bardon, Cllr T Beadle, Cllr G France, Cllr D Gray, Cllr S Hoyland, Cllr A Jackson, Cllr C Snowden and Cllr E Storm.

Also present: Two members of the public, County Councillor D Whitfield and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

22/022 Members of the public

A resident noted an issue with a gate at the entrance to the Sports Village, this will be fed into the District Council.

A resident asked if Front Street, Sowerby was due to be resurfaced as it is in a terrible state of repair. This was noted by Cllr Whitfield.

The resident also asked if Blue Row was going to be one way, this will be the case when the planned roadworks along Topcliffe Road are undertaken.

22/023 To receive and consider apologies for absence and to receive declarations of interest

It was resolved apologies be received and accepted from Cllr D Hannan

22/024 To approve and sign the minutes of the Annual and Ordinary Meetings of the Parish Council on 12th May 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of Annual and Ordinary Meetings of the Parish Council on 12th May be accepted

22/025 No representative from NYP was present

22/026 To receive Report from the County Councillor on items of relevance to Sowerby

Cllr Whitfield commented on Anti Social Behaviour but had no other matters to raise himself.

Councillors asked Cllr Whitfield to address the following items:

- Repairs on Front Street/Parochial Hall which was due to be completed from £5,000 Locality Budget 2021.
- Drainage matters on Topcliffe Road - as it is over 4 years since SPC reported this - yet despite reassurances that this work would be done, it is still not completed or scheduled.
- A large pothole is also still in situ outside 107 Front Street.
- Start of works to realign Town End.
- Improvements requested to the signage on Blakey Lane as vehicles are continually getting stuck.
- A horse chestnut tree overhanging the Flatts Footpath.

22/027 To receive Reports from District Councillors

- Cllr Robson noted that the pool at the Leisure Centre was closed because someone had thrown a lump of concrete through the fire escape which deposited glass in the pool. A person has been apprehended by NYP.
- Cllr Robson advised that HDC are losing staff as a result of LGR. Discussion took place about the recruitment of Unitary Authority staff.
- Cllr Hoyland asked if there was any impact on HDC when the Government Order (Section 24) was put in place after the LGR decision. Cllr Robson advised this will not affect the programme that HDC plan to deliver by 1st April 2023 and that all district reserves and assets will be passed to the new authority.

22/028 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

22/015 Ukrainian refugees have been successfully housed in the area, with one matter being addressed locally.

22/018 b A new appointment has been advertised for an Operations Manager at Community Works.

Signed
Chairman
Date

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22/019 b The new Jubilee Commemorative bench is in place in the Memorial Park.

22/019 d Linton on Ouse update from Cllr Robson. The Home Office have advised that no decision has been taken but there is still work ongoing within the site. HDC has challenged on 3 counts:

- Letter of notice prior to possible judicial review
- Requirement of Environmental Impact Assessment
- Q notice is invalid as it is not an emergency, so planning permission is required

22/019 g Discussion took place regarding the play equipment. Further remedial work is underway.

There has been some criminal damage which has been reported to the Police. The Clerk will ask S Dresser Ltd to look at the footage to see if it can be enhanced and establish if the cameras need to be upgraded. Many other people were in the play area at the time.

22/029 Planning

1. To note Decisions

It was resolved that decisions be noted

2. To consider New Applications

It was resolved that councillors have no objections to these applications

It was noted that a response had been received from the County Council re the application for waste.

An enforcement letter had been received re 4 South Terrace.

22/030 Financial Matters

1. To note Receipts
2. To Note and Approve Payments

It was resolved that receipts be noted and payments approved

3. To approve AGAR submission 2021/2022

It was resolved that the annual governance and accounts statement be approved and submitted

22/031 To receive late correspondence for information only

Items of correspondence which have been circulated between meetings require no further action.

22/032 To receive Reports from Sub Committees

Cllr Bardon advised that undergrowth was being cleared around the coppice on Miss Warners Field.

22/033 Any other business that may be legally discussed

Items requiring a decision will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting

- Clerk to report a tree fallen at Lock Bridge which is blocking the footpath and debris is falling into the beck, to the Internal Drainage Board
- Cllr France advised that there will be a celebration event between 3 - 6 pm for host families and Ukrainian guests
- Cllr Hoyland noted the damaged fence along the Flatts Walk at Miss Warners Field. Cllr Bardon will address this as Secretary to the Flatts Trust.
- Cllr Snowden noted that the trees on Front Street have grown significantly. The Clerk will arrange for Aire Valley Tree Services to review this during the late summer.
- Cllr Gray noted that the community orchard is growing well.
- Councillors would like the benches on the Flatts Walk to be addressed for weeds.

22/034 The date of next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 14th July 2022

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed
Chairman
Date