

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council
held on Thursday 8th September at 7.30pm in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Annexe.

A minutes silence was observed following the announcement of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II

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

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

22/048 Members of the public

A resident raised the benefits of the Flatts to the area and asked the Council view on whether the Flatts should be protected East and West of Cod Beck and if the council is doing what it should to protect the Flatts from the ongoing development. Cllr Robson advised that the Flatts Trust controls a significant amount of land under trust and any consideration by the Parish Council would need to be an agenda item.

A question was also asked about unauthorised development at the side of the Beck. Cllr Robson advised the pipe is a replacement for a long standing one and also noted that the enforcement team and the planning department at HDC are working with the developer on the York Road site.

22/049 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

No apologies for absence were received.

D Gray has tendered his resignation as a Parish Councillor, thanks were offered to D Gray for his time and service to the Parish Council, especially his work at Potters Memorial Field.

22/050 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 14th July 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 14th July be accepted

22/051 No representative from NYP was present and no report was received.

22/052 Report from the County Councillor on items of relevance to Sowerby

Cllr Whitfield has been updated about work on Topcliffe Road but he needs further information from Area 2.

Cllr Bardon asked if an update could be provided to the Clerk on the timeframes and whether the work is on schedule. He has not received a start date for realignment at Town End or an update on the yellow box at Newsham Road or the Cycle Sign on the Flatts Walk. Cllr Whitfield had nothing further to add.

Cllr France asked if the NYCC were dealing with the trees on Topcliffe Road and Flatts to ensure lighting was visible when approaching winter. Cllr Whitfield will look into this.

22/053 Reports from District Councillors

- Cllr Robson will cover items under matters arising 22/054

22/054 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

- A litter pick around the Sports Village by the HDC team. Cllr Robson has arranged for two more bins to be located at the site and 6 more bins for the gateway site. The cost of these 8 will be covered by the District Council. These will be located where they are accessible for emptying by the collecting team.
- 22/040 The Clerk will write to request an update on the progress of enforcement of the site at York Road.
- On Back Lane the water bowser is in place on the site.

Signed
Chairman
Date

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- 22/041 Refugee site at Linton current position is still not confirmed in writing by the government. HDC legal challenge will stay in place until the home office advises that this is withdrawn .
- £500 was donated to the Festival on the Flatts, to support this community event.
- Cllr Snowden has confirmed that adverts for a Chief Executive at Community Works have been circulated and interviews are mid September.
- Trees in the Play Area and Flatts Walk will be pruned, with work beginning this week.

22/055 To consider work necessary to Lime Trees in Front Street, in accordance with the recommendations of the specialist report and agree next steps.

Specialist advice has been taken and the recommendation is to reduce the trees by approx 20/30 ft.

An estimate has been received for £25,000 and an arborist survey is required for the planning process.

The planning application will be actioned by the Clerk. If the application is approved by early November this will be done however, if not, it will be 2023 but brash will be dealt with this winter.

It was resolved that the arborist survey will be undertaken and planning applied for by the Clerk

22/056 To review allotment provision and agree charges for 2023

Water, shrubbery management, general maintenance and administration are covered by the allotment rent.

It was resolved that the cost of the allotment for the growing season 2023 will be £85

22/057 Planning

See appendix i

Cllr France declared a non pecuniary interest in application 22/01937/FUL

Cllr Snowden noted two properties on Front Street had had work done. The Clerk will send the details of these to enforcement.

It was resolved that the Clerk will feedback planning decisions to the planning authority

Cllr Robson gave a short update on the discharge of conditions on the Back Lane planning application. This application was granted by the Planning Inspector after being refused by the Parish and HDC. Parish Councils are not consulted on discharge of conditions, so this parish would not have been consulted again on this application. The full hedgerow on Back Lane will not be removed and full details of the planning conditions can be seen on the HDC website.

It was reiterated that the Parish Council has limited power with regard to the planning process and that the PC was in full support of refusal.

The Clerk requested that, if councillors are contacted by residents with regards to areas of concern, these are reported to the Clerk for responses to be coordinated.

It was resolved that the Clerk will add a website item with a link to the Planning Portal to reassure residents of this

22/058 Financial Matters

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

It was resolved that receipts be noted and payments approved

The Parish Office computer and printer need to be updated to bring the equipment up to current requirements as they are not working effectively..

It was resolved that a computer and printer will be purchased

Signed
Chairman
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22/059 Late correspondence for information only

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

- Thirsk In Bloom advised that they will not be watering whilst the hosepipe ban is in place.
- Citizens Advice Bureau request for a donation will be brought to a future meeting

22/060 Reports from Sub Committees

- Cllr Snowden noted that operations will be managed by existing staff whilst the new Community Works Chief Executive is put in place.
- Cllr France advised that the Town Hall refurbishment is almost complete and of a consistently good standard. A second piece of artwork from Thirsk School students is now in position in the foyer.

22/061 Any other business that may be legally discussed

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

Cllr Bardon noted a tree on Topcliffe Road was overhanging and there had been notification of Blakey Lane closure in the coming week.

22/062 The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 14th October 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.41pm

Signed
Chairman
Date

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Appendix i

Decisions

22/01364/FUL Retrospective application for log burner and flue, Replacement of front door, Windows to be repainted, Rear gate to be repainted and front gate to be painted, Canopy above front door to be replaced in natural wood.

1 The Grove Front Street Sowerby Granted

22/01564/FUL Single storey side conservatory

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22/01675/FUL Proposed single storey extension to existing dwelling

60 Topcliffe Road Sowerby Granted

22/01659/FUL Proposed conversion of the former Lambert Hospital into a new hospice

Lambert Memorial Hospital Chapel Street Granted

Applications

22/01601/FUL 22/01602/LBC Change of use of former joiners shop to 4 apartments

Design In Wood Old Coach House 7 - 9 Three Tuns Yard Chapel Street WTSA

22/01605/FUL Proposed new roof to house and outbuildings

2 Garden Cottages South Crescent WTSA

Council would wish to see slate to ensure in keeping with the neighbouring property

22/01667/FUL Revised application for single storey extension to the rear of the property

51 Cocked Hat Park Sowerby WTSA

22/01889/FUL Replace existing broken and dangerous crazy paved patio area with a new patio of traditional style

23 South Terrace Sowerby WTSA

22/01900/FUL Replacement porch to principle elevation

20 Croft Heads Sowerby WTSA

22/01937/FUL Proposed single storey rear and side extension

74 Topcliffe Road Sowerby WTSA

22/01705/FUL Retrospective planning permission to replace 3 windows and door at the rear

4 South Terrace Sowerby

As this property is in Article 4 the Parish Council would wish to see this application refused unless these materials for these windows are compliant with this directive.

Signed
Chairman
Date