

# *Sowerby Parish Council*

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council held  
on Thursday 8th February 2024 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 A Jackson; Cllr C Snowdon; Cllr A Turner; Cllr E Storm.

**Also Present:** Cllr D Sladden, North Yorkshire Council(NYC); two members of the public and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

23/100 Members of the public to raise any items of importance  
No items were raised.

23/101 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest  
All councillors were present.

23/102 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 14th December 2023  
**It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 14th December 2023 be approved**

23/103 To consider applications received and co-opt a councillor for the casual vacancy  
Five applications had been received and Cllr Bardon noted how positive it was to receive so many.  
**It was resolved that Keith Till be co opted to Sowerby Parish Council**  
Cllr Till signed his Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

23/104 To receive report from North Yorkshire Police  
A report from North Yorkshire Police had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

23/105 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council on items of relevance to Sowerby

- A report from Cllr Sladden had been circulated in advance of the meeting. Cllr Sladden had requested comments from SPC regarding speeding from Aldi towards Topcliffe A168. Councillors are supportive of a 40mph buffer zone being considered on this piece of road and it was also noted that speed limits on Topcliffe Road/Green Lane East and Gravel Hole Lane should be reviewed.
- There has been some lack of communication regarding planning decisions, which Cllr Sladden was advised of.
- NYC has written off £7.8 million for the Scarborough Alpamare, which is a significant cost. SPC asked if NYC knew of this prior to the unitary, what is the impact that this will have on the broader picture and if there are any more time bombs like this. Cllr Sladden advised that this is a real loss and is not recoverable in the 23/24 financial year budget.
- Proposed Council Tax increase budget will go to members for approvals next week inc 6.2 million from Central Govt
- Are we seeing any genuine savings following the Unitary? Projected savings over next 4 years are expected to be £36 million as a result of the unitary reorganisation.
- Councillors asked if there are plans to sell off assets, to which Cllr Sladden advised no.
- Residents have complained about dogs in the Sports Village which is a NYC asset and Cllr Sladden will request the Dog Warden visit.
- Councillors are supportive of any link to improve the footway link between Gateway and Station.
- Cllr Bardon shared some issues with communication with NYC on the phone and the streetlight reporting is still showing that NYC is not the owner of the lights.
- It is now 6 years since the faulty drains on Topcliffe Road were reported and these have still not been fully repaired.

Signed:

Chairman:

Date:

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23/106 1. To consider Planning Applications

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**It was resolved that the Clerk will feed back comments to the planning authority**

2. To confirm the decision to withdraw SPC support for application 22/02678/FUL Drainage at Cod Beck

**It was resolved that the support previously given for application 22/02678/FUL Drainage at Cod Beck is withdrawn**

23/107 Financial Matters

1. To Note Receipts

The Clerk has issued a bill to Thirsk Town Council for expenditure on the Town Hall and other shared events.

2. To Note and Approve Payments

**It was resolved that payments be approved and receipts noted**

Councillors commented on the excellent job that has been done to replace the aerial slide base.

3. To consider a request for a donation to Thirsk & Sowerby Festival on the Flatts 2024

**It was resolved that £500 will be donated to the Thirsk & Sowerby Festival on the Flatts 2024**

23/108 To note change to allotment holders and agree inspection timescales for 2024

Councillors were advised of changes to allotment holders after some plot holders have given up their plots.

**It was resolved that the allotments will be inspected twice a year in April and October, weather dependent and will be conducted by the Clerk and two councillors**

23/109 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

1. 23/094 4 Ash dieback has been managed at World's End, a site meeting will take place along Front Street and World's End to review the footways and replanting considerations.

2. 23/098 2 Cllr Sladden was asked to follow up with enforcement regarding parking and road cleaning at Back Lane.

23/110 To receive correspondence for information only

Notification of grass cutting costs have been received from CE & CM Walker Ltd in line with the agreed contract.

23/111 To receive reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

1. Town Hall drainage has been looked into and works completed which are the responsibility of SPC and Thirsk TC.

2. Community Works have received a grant to refurbish their building to make the reception area more welcoming.

3. Flatts Trust members met on site to look at the refurbishment of the building, which is nearly complete.

23/112 Any other business that may be legally discussed

1. There has been some adverse social media regarding use of the Flatts and councillors were made aware of this.

2. Storm proof fencing on the allotment has become loose in the strong winds and will be repaired. There is overgrown hedgerow along the footpath and damaged signage which will be reported to NYC.

3. No Cycling Sign at the end of the Flatts Walk - raised with NYC.

4. Cllr Till offered thanks for electing him and looks forward to working with the council.

23/113 To confirm the date of next meeting as Thursday 14th March 2024.

The meeting closed at 20:44.

Signed:

Chairman:

Date:

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## **Appendix i Planning**

### **Applications**

ZB24/00010/MRC Application for variation of condition 6

Land Off Back Lane, Sowerby

**It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application refused as the conditions were put in place to protect the landscaping and accepted by the applicant when discharge of conditions were agreed in April 2022**

ZB24/00052/FUL Alterations and extensions to existing dwelling

5 Green Lane, West Sowerby

**It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved**

ZB23/02169/FUL Amended Plan for Temporary use of land for the siting of 76 storage containers

Land West Of Gateway House, Cedar Road, Sowerby

**It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved, subject to lighting be positioned to ensure there is no adverse impact on the adjoining residents**

ZB24/00032/FUL Replacement of the iron railings to front

158 Front Street, Sowerby

**It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved, subject to the tops of the rails being in line with appropriate health and safety regulations**

ZB24/00086/FUL Removal of garage and replace with Two storey and part single storey extension

Langley, 90 Topcliffe Road Sowerby

**It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved**

ZB24/00132/FUL Alterations & extension to rear of existing dwelling and construction of a detached garage

23 Back Lane, Sowerby

**It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved**

ZB24/00059/FUL Replacement of existing UPVC door and window

4 South Terrace, Sowerby

**It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application refused, as materials do not comply with requirements of Article 4 in a Conservation Area**

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## **Decisions**

ZB23/01491/FUL Construction of a 1 metre high iron railing fence and gate 1 Belgrave Terrace, Sowerby	Granted
ZB23/01478/FUL Demolition of existing outbuilding & porch; construction of yard extension and replacement porch and alterations to existing dwelling 14 Mowbray Place, Sowerby	Granted
ZB23/02131/FUL Installation of 14 solar panels 93 Front Street, Sowerby	Granted
ZB23/02235/FUL Disabled adaptation to widen the existing front external door 2 Mowbray Place, Sowerby	Granted
ZB23/02377/CAT Works to a tree in a conservation area Health Centre, Chapel Street	Granted
ZB23/02390/FUL Proposed extension to rear of dwelling to form extended kitchen, utility and ground floor shower room 2 Railway Terrace, Sowerby	Granted
ZB23/02328/OUT Revised Outline application (to consider access) for employment development, open green space and associated car parking with all other matters reserved. Land At York Road. Withdrawn	
ZB23/02385/FUL Proposed detached timber domestic garage Howebridge 5 Blakey Lane Sowerby	Granted

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