

# *Sowerby Parish Council*

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council  
held on Thursday 14th July at 7.30pm in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Annexe.

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

**Also present:** One member of the public, County Councillor D Whitfield and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

22/035 Members of the public

A resident raised a number of matters:

- The damaged gate has been repaired on the Sports Village
- A gate has been removed for the dog area so this is now not secure, Cllr Robson will look into this from HDC
- There is an amount of litter on the Sports Village and again Cllr Robson will pick this up with the district

22/036 To receive and consider apologies for absence and to receive declarations of interest

**It was resolved apologies be received and accepted from Cllr G France**

22/037 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 9th June 2022

**It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 9th June be accepted**

22/038 No representative from NYP was present

22/039 To receive Report from the County Councillor on items of relevance to Sowerby

Cllr Whitfield noted the following:

- Horse Chestnut on the Flatts Walk was checked by NYCC and they do not consider this to be a risk to safety.
- Topcliffe Road work, this has started at the end of Gravel Hole Lane. Cllr Robson added that Sowerby Parish Council have been pushing the county to deliver this work and reiterated the importance of this and trusts that residents will be patient.
- Cllr Bardon asked if the Remembrance Parade will be affected by the road closure. Cllr Hannan added that the frustration of individuals will need to be managed and coordination will be important.

Follow Up from the minutes of:

- Pot Hole on Front Street reported - DW has reported this.
- Surface at the end of Parochial Hall - no update on this.
- Start Date of realignment of Town End - no update on this.
- Cllr Robson raised the issues with overgrown verges on Blakey Lane and requested that Cllr Whitfield submit this as a safety issue.
- Also the yellow box at the entrance to Newsham Road needs to be repainted.
- Cllr Hoyland added that Flatts Walk Cyclists signage has deteriorated over the years and this is causing concern for pedestrians and this needs to be replaced.

Cllr Snowden asked if double yellow lines were going on Back Lane - there is no planning requirement for this.

Cllr Whitfield also advised that he had run a series of assemblies in the local school regarding respect.

22/040 To receive Reports from District Councillors

- Cllr Robson commented on the development at the roundabout on York Road. Planning Enforcement have looked at this and there is a breach, as excavation has been done at the outside of the red line boundary. There is also surface water being discharged into the beck. Enforcement are visiting again tomorrow and advised to remove the soil and a licence may be produced for the discharge of water.

Signed  
Chairman  
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- Cllr Jackson raised the matter of some new drainage in the land at the side at Cod Beck. Cllr Robson noted that this is related to the drainage works on York Road.
- Back Lane development has had issues with dust, the Enforcement Officers have been to visit this and water bowsers have been requested and vehicles need to be parked on site in line with condition 22 of planning. Cllr Robson will send Cllr Jackson a copy of the planning conditions for information.
- Cllr Robson reiterated that HDC will not be adding to the deficit at the new Unitary Authority as, despite delivering £50 million of projects HDC will still be transferring £12 million. Unitary Authority intention is to increase the Council Tax for residents in the Hambleton Area significantly.

22/041 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

- 22/019g The Home Office has advised that no refugees will be in Linton On Ouse prior to mid August but a decision has still not been made about using this site.
- Weeds have been strimmed and sprayed and the signage is in place on Potters Memorial Field. Thanks were offered to the resident there who is watering the trees regularly along with councillors.

22/042 Planning

1. To note Decisions

**No decisions received**

2. To consider New Applications

22/01490/CAT Tree Works in a Conservation Area - Holyrood House

**It was resolved that councillors have no objections to this application**

22/01563/FUL Replacement Roof Tiles 5 Sowerby Road

Cllr Bardon declared an interest in this application

**It was resolved that councillors with to see this application refused as the property is in a conservation area, Article 4 and the tiles should have been reinstated with the original style of tiles**

22/043 Financial Matters

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

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

3. The grants received for the Town Hall toilet works have been claimed and the work has been completed.

4. Thirsk and Sowerby Festival has not sent fully updated accounts but the event is on 7th August.

**It was resolved that £500 be donated, subject to the paperwork being received the decision being delegated to the Clerk in conjunction with Chairman**

22/044 To receive late correspondence for information only

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

1. A resident had made a complaint about the conduct of grasscutters on Topcliffe Road, this will be addressed by the Chairman.
2. Two residents have been in contact regarding dog waste bins on the gateway. Cllr Robson will look at this to see if further bins are now required as the development has extended.

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## 3. TIC Leaflet

A request had been received to contribute to the printing of an information leaflet for distribution, the cost is £1500.

**It was resolved that £500 would be given to the TIC to support this work**

22/045 To receive Reports from Sub Committees

It was noted that the funding has been approved for new roles at Community Works

Thirsk ASB

The Clerk is now attending this group on behalf of the PC Working together with the Police, School, Town Council and North Yorkshire Youth.

22/046 Any other business that may be legally discussed

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

- Trees
  - Monday 18th Aire Valley Tree Services to advise on the trees on Front Street
  - Friday 15th G Holmes to review trees identified by Councillors both for the Parish Council and Miss Warners Land
- Website updates have been completed, thanks to Cllr Hoyland for monitoring the content
- Bulbs need to be organised ready for planting. This will be delegated to the Clerk in conjunction with Cllr Jackson
- The Clerk will arrange more Wildflower Seeds for Potters Memorial Field
- Agenda items for September
  - Review Allotment Fee
  - Agree necessary action regarding trees

22/047 The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 8th September 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm

Signed  
Chairman  
Date