

# *Sowerby Parish Council*

## Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council held on Thursday 12th September 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 Snowden; Cllr E Storm and Cllr K Till.

**Also Present:** One member of the public; Cllr D Sladden NYC and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

24/045 Members of the public to raise any items of importance (maximum of 10 minutes)

The following matters were raised:

1. When will the improvements to the railway station be undertaken?  
Cllr Sladden advised that this has not been progressed yet, but improved access is planned.
2. Are blood donor events moving away from Town Hall?  
The Clerk will look into this.
3. Will the one way system on Blue Row be implemented permanently?  
Consultation on this is expected shortly.

24/046 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

**It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr A Turner**

24/047 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th July 2024

**It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 11th July 2024 be approved**

24/048 To receive report from North Yorkshire Police

No report had been received.

24/049 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council on items of relevance to Sowerby

Cllr Sladden advised that there has been no update on when the drainage on Topcliffe Road will be completed.

Funds are expected in September for the Community Bus service on Sowerby Gateway and the tender process will be progressed. An overgrown hedge on Topcliffe Road has been looked at and NYC are writing to the resident.

Councillors asked Cllr Sladden to look into the following matters:

- Can NYC arrange a larger bus for the Reliance Bus 30 service from Thirsk Market Place to Easingwold at school travel times as a significant number of pupils from Sowerby use this provision.
- Thirsk School current capacity figures.
- Weeds on Topcliffe Road, which are significant, are at risk of blocking the gullies.

24/050 To consider Planning Applications

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

24/051 To consider and actions required to improve the village roadways

A site meeting had taken place to look at the areas in most need of remedial work, to alleviate water from the pathways around the village green. This will be dug out from the noticeboard to Blakey Lane and replaced so it is below the kerb line to prevent water gathering. No additional land will be taken from the village greens.

Signed  
Chairman  
Date

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A quote had been received from an approved contractor for £10,916. Further sections will be reviewed in 2025.

**It was resolved that this quote be accepted and the work to be started as soon as possible**

24/052 Financial Matters

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

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

3. To consider a financial contribution towards the upkeep of the Town End planted area

**It was resolved that a donation of £1,500 would be given to Thirsk In Bloom towards the cost of floral decoration**

24/053 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

1. Grass Cutting on Topcliffe Road - this has been cut again by the NYC contractor and the SPC grass cutting contractor will now take this over. The PC is not cutting the swales - this will remain the responsibility of NYC.
2. SPC made comments to the Planning Authority regarding a recent application and NYC did not send any further information or correspondence but simply approved the application without further consultation with the PC. Councillors are concerned that this is not a positive relationship with the Unitary Authority. Steps are being taken to improve general communication with parishes and it was noted that the YLCA may be an appropriate place to share concerns about NYC communication strategy.

24/054 To receive correspondence for information only

1. A letter had been received requesting a donation from Friends of Sowerby School to support the renovation of the pond area. Councillors felt this was a positive step and would wish to donate £200 on the basis that the whole area will be dealt with as there is a significant amount of overgrowth.
2. A request for a donation to the work of the Citizens Advice Bureau had been received, Councillors think this is a valuable service and would allocate £300 to this provision.

24/055 To receive reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

None

24/056 Any other business that may be legally discussed

*Items requiring a decision will be placed on a future agenda*

1. A Boundary Commission Review is taking place and the Clerk will circulate the information and this may be considered as a future agenda item.
2. Maintenance of the Sports Village is not being undertaken effectively and the cycle areas are becoming overgrown and in need of attention. Cllr Sladden will follow this up.
3. A commercial vehicle is regularly parked up to the junction coming out of Gravel Hole Lane. Cllr Sladden will report this into Area2 and the Clerk will feed this into NYP.
4. Fly posting by Thirsk Conservative Club is still an issue and will be reported to NYC Streetscene.

24/057 Next meeting

**it was resolved that the next meeting will be Thursday 10th October 2024 at 19:30**

The meeting closed at 20:40

Signed  
Chairman  
Date

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## Appendix i Planning

### Applications

ZB24/01601/CAT Application to remove a Holly Tree in a conservation area  
8 Beech Grove

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

ZB24/01550/FUL To create a metal railing and gate to front of property  
The Old Joiners Workshop 55A Front Street Sowerby

**Councillors wish to see more information on design and specification for this fencing as there is concern that it will not be in keeping with the surroundings**

ZB24/01579/CAT Work to a tree in a conservation area.  
The Hay Meadow

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

ZB24/01598/FUL Extend an existing single storey rear extension  
15 Danum Avenue

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

ZB24/01751/FUL | Alterations and extensions to the side & rear of existing dwelling  
22 Saxty Way

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

ZB24/00763/CLE Certificate of Lawfulness re Parking at Parochial Hall  
The following comments were submitted:

Sowerby Parish Council has concerns about this area being used for a permanent car park. They would prefer the area to be retained as an open space. Safety of users of the Flatts Walk is paramount and they should be protected from vehicles encroaching onto the path. If officers are mindful to approve this application then the fence that was previously in place along the boundary of the Flatts Walk should be reinstated. Consideration should also be given to hours of operation and manner of parking, to prevent light pollution affecting neighbouring residential properties.

### Decisions

ZB24/01390/FUL Proposed alterations and single-storey extension to the rear of existing dwelling  
17 Mowbray Place

Granted

ZB24/01373/CAT Application for works to a tree in Conservation Area  
8 Beech Grove

Withdrawn

ZB24/01272/FUL Replacement of Windows  
25 South Terrace

Granted

ZB24/01390/FUL Alterations and extension  
17 Mowbray Place

Granted

Signed  
Chairman  
Date