

# *Sowerby Parish Council*

## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Sowerby Parish held at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Annexe on Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr M Robson; Cllr P Bardon; Cllr P 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:** Alexandra Robson, Clerk

APM 24 01 Apologies for Absence

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

Cllr D Sladden NYC has also offered apologies.

APM 24 02 To note the minutes of the previous meeting held Thursday 11th May 2023

The minutes were noted

APM 24 03 Presentation of Reports

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Reports from the following were received:

Chairman of Sowerby Parish Council

Chairman of Thirsk and Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust

Vice Chairman of Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Management Committee

APM 24 04 To discuss any other business, including questions from members of the electorate

No residents were present

APM 24 05 To confirm the date of next annual meeting

**It was resolved that the next meeting date will be Thursday 8th May 2025**

Signed:  
Chairman  
Dated:

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### **SPC Chairman Report presented by Cllr M Robson**

Cllr Robson summarised the year for Sowerby Parish Council as follows:

- Precept increased for 2024 2025 to £115,000
- Significant tree works as a result of Ash dieback at World's End
- Works around the roadways on the village greens, less effective than hoped and will be reviewed
- Aerial Slide frame replacement
- Ongoing care of play areas
- Grass Cutting
- Allotment management has been effective, 8 changes last season and all full with a waiting list of 20
- Significant applications - York Road - withdrawn
- New local plan, work is underway and a call for sites has just been released and runs to end June

He offered thanks to those who litter pick in the village, to Cllr Beadle for opening and closing the play area, and to Cllr Bardon for his support as Vice Chairman. Thanks were also offered to the Clerk and to all Councillors for the time and commitment they give to Sowerby Parish.

### **Thirsk and Sowerby Flatts Trust presented by Cllr M Robson**

During the year the Flatts Changing Rooms refurbishment has been undertaken and is almost complete. This has improved the facilities enormously and is partially occupied but trustees are still looking for the right hirer to occupy the remainder of it.

A contribution from a developer to make a small compound to allow work to take place locally has been received and this will be removed shortly.

Some income was generated from Tuckers Fair, it is intended this will happen again.

The Flatts Trust supports the Thirsk and Sowerby Festival by allowing use of the space and providing a storage facility.

### **Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall presented by Cllr G France**

A report was shared by Cllr France and circulated to councillors.

### **Community Works**

Cllr Snowden updated the council on his position as a trustee on the board of Community Works and clarified the areas he is able to share at future meetings. Any Community Works newsletters received will be shared with councillors by the Clerk.

### **Rail Users Report**

This group is no longer in place.

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**Also Present:** Alexandra Robson, Clerk

24/001 Election of Chairman

**It was resolved that the Chairman of the Parish Council 2024 2025 will be Cllr M Robson**

24/002 Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

24/003 To receive apologies for absence

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

Cllr D Sladden NYC has also offered apologies.

24/004 To receive Declarations of Interest and confirm Councillors Registers of Interests are complete

Councillors were reminded of the need to keep their Register of Interest up to date

24/005 To note the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held Thursday 11th May 2023

The minutes were noted

24/006 Election of Vice-Chairman

**It was resolved that the Vice Chairman of the Parish Council 2024 2025 will be Cllr P Bardon**

24/007 Allocation of members to committees and external organisations

**It was resolved that committee membership was agreed as appendix i**

24/008 To confirm the date of next annual meeting as Thursday 8th May 2025

**It was resolved that the next meeting date will be Thursday 8th May 2025**

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| <b>Committees and External Organisations</b> | <b>Membership</b>                                   |
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| Allotment Committee                          | 2 of any available Councillors, plus the Clerk      |
| Complaints Committee                         | A panel of 3 made up of available Councillors       |
| Flatts Preservation Trust                    | Cllr. Robson  |
| Greens & Play Area                           | Cllrs. Robson, Beadle, Jackson, Hoyland and Snowden |
| Thirsk and Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity    | Cllr. Robson  |
| HR Committee                                 | Chairman, Vice Chairman and one additional person   |
| Planning Committee                           | Full Council  |
| Play Area Open and Locking                   | Cllr Beadle   |
| Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall                   | Cllrs France, Robson and Storm                      |
| Thirsk and Sowerby Festival on the Flatts    | Cllr Jackson  |
| Yorkshire Local Councils Associations        | Cllrs. Hoyland, Beadle & the Clerk                  |

Signed:  
Chairman  
Dated: