

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Sowerby at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Annexe on Thursday 13th May 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: Alexandra Little, Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr A Turner and County Councillor Baker.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held Thursday 9th May 2019 were noted.
3. Reports were presented:
 - a. North Yorkshire County Council
 - b. Hambleton District Council
 - c. The Chairman of the Parish Council
 - d. The Chairman of Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Committee
 - e. Flatts Preservation Trust
4. No other business or questions from members of the electorate.
5. The date of the next annual meeting was confirmed as Thursday 12th May 2022.

The meeting closed at 7.46pm.

Signed
Chairman
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21/001 Election of Chairman

Cllr Bardon proposed that Cllr Robson be elected as Chairman, Cllr Storm seconded this and carried unanimously.

It was resolved that Cllr M Robson be Chairman of Sowerby Parish Council for the year 2021/2022

21/002 Cllr Robson completed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

21/003 Apologies for Absence were received and accepted from Cllr A Turner and County Councillor Baker.

21/004 No Declarations of Interest received and Councillors confirmed their Register of Interests are up to date.

21/005 Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held Thursday 9th May 2019 were noted.

21/006 Election of Vice-Chairman.

Cllr Robson proposed Cllr P Bardon, this was seconded by Cllr Gray and carried unanimously.

It was resolved that Cllr P Bardon be Vice Chairman of Sowerby Parish Council for the year 2021/2022

21/007 Members were allocated to committees as follows:

Sowerby Parish Council Committees	Membership
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 Gray
Thirsk and Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity	Cllr. France
HR Committee	Chairman, Vice Chairman and one additional person
Planning Committee	Full Council
Play Area	Two Volunteers
Rail Users Group	Cllrs. Hoyland and Storm
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall	Cllrs France, Robson and Storm
Thirsk and Sowerby Festival on the Flatts	Cllr Jackson
Yorkshire Local Council's Associations	Cllrs. Hoyland, Beadle & the Clerk

21/008 The date of the next annual meeting was confirmed as Thursday 12th May 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Annexe on Thursday 13th May 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: Alexandra Little, Clerk.

21/009 No members of the public were present.

21/010 Apologies for Absence were received and accepted from Cllr A Turner and County Councillor Baker.

21/011 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 8th April 2021 be signed as a correct record

21/012 No Report from NY Police was received.

21/013 Report from the County Councillor on items of relevance to Sowerby and Thirsk

1. Cllr Baker was not present. The Clerk will ask him to update council on the mirror for Blakey Lane and also the Bus route and this will be added to the agenda in June.
2. Drainage on Topcliffe Road was discussed and Cllr Baker had been advised of concern over flooding on Topcliffe Road/Cocked Hat Park. Cllr Hannan had reported it to the Clerk and Cllr Bardon reiterated the problem this is causing and that it is dangerous to residents. Cllr Bardon also suggested that the school be contacted to support this, for the safety of the children. Cllr Robson advised that it is on the works programme for the current financial year and that the Clerk will write to NYCC offering thanks for it being on the programme but requesting that it can be done sooner along with the drain on Gravel Hole Lane.
3. Works on Topcliffe Road have started which will lead into the Town End and Town Centre improvements.

21/014 District Councillor reports

1. Cllr Bardon advised that the Annual Council will take place next Tuesday and that Planning will meet formally on 28th of May. The appeal against the planning refusal for Saxty Way is taking place on 19th/20th May.
2. Cllr Robson confirmed that Making A Difference grants were allocated to local organisations as follows:
 - East Thirsk Community Hall
 - Thirsk Town Council
 - Thirsk Rotary Club
 - Thirsk District Community Minibus Association
 - Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall

21/015 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

1. Realignment of the roadway in the town centre will start on 24th May for 4 weeks. Following this, the work at town end will be done. County Council has been in control of issuing the licence for this work to take place. Cllr Robson requested that residents are patient whilst this work is completed.
2. Cllr Snowden advised that on 2nd May in Hambleton there had been 56,000 first COVID19 vaccine doses and that the rate was 9 cases per 100,000 population.

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3. Dog waste is becoming a problem in the meadow on Blakey Lane as owners are letting their dogs loose in the field and not clearing up after them. Signage will be put up.
4. Annual Play Area Inspections will take place on Monday 17th. Some remedial work has been done on the slide and a quote has been requested from Streetscape and will be presented to council at a future meeting. A bucket swing has been ordered to replace the damaged one and a new accessible bench will also be put into the play area.
5. Cllr Jackson updated councillors on some areas that could be brightened up with spring bulbs and this will be completed in the Autumn.
6. Further correspondence has been received regarding the bench on Front Street from the owner. The bench has now been removed and will be repaired. The Council confirmed that it will be able to be replaced in the same position, once refurbished.

21/016 Planning Applications

8a No Decisions noted

8b New Applications

see appendix i

It was resolved that the Clerk feedback comments to the planning authority

21/017 Financial Matters

9a Receipts

9b To Note and Approve Payments

see appendix ii

It was resolved that receipts be noted, payments be made and that the annual contractual costs be accepted

21/018 To receive Correspondence for information only

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

1. Emails regarding the bench were dealt with in 21/015 6
2. A letter had been received re weeds on Back Lane and this has been looked at, it is a highways matter and will be passed to NYCC.
3. Thirsk Rotary have made some proposals for the Town Hall flowers and other flower work in Sowerby. This will be an agenda item in June.

21/019 To receive Reports from Sub Committees

Cllr Snowden advised that a Stronger Communities project is being promoted by NYCC and Community Works have applied to become an anchor organisation.

21/020 Any other business that may be legally discussed

1. Cllr Hoyland requested an update from the MP - re the schools IT this will be chased up.
2. Cllr France noted that the fence between the Flatts and Miss Warners is in disrepair. Cllr Robson advised that this is being considered for replacement by the Flatts Preservation Trust.
3. On Bank Holiday Monday there will be filming of All Creatures Great and Small at the Cinema.

21/021 It was confirmed that the date of the next meeting will be Thursday 10th June 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed
Chairman
Date