

# *Sowerby Parish Council*

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council  
on Thursday 13th April at 7.30pm in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Annexe.

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

**Also present:** 25 members of the public and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

A presentation from a local group, Friends of Cod Beck & Flatts Facebook Group, regarding green spaces was received. Notes will be provided by the group for circulation. Three specific asks were made of the Parish Council and these will be agenda items for the next meeting, 11th May.

1. Request that NY Council consider extending the conservation area east towards York Road
2. Support the creation of a management group for green spaces within the conservation area
3. Receive volunteers from the Parish Council to work with the Friends group

Cllr Bardon requested: A plan for the proposed conservation area extension

A plan for the land which will fall under the management group

Cllr Hannan asked what the role of NYC Cllr D Whitfield will be in this as he is the elected representative of the residents.

Cllr France asked if a resident can submit the request to NYC for the extension to the conservation area, which they can.

*21 Members of the public left the meeting*

22/134 Members of the public to raise any items of importance (maximum of 10 minutes)

Concern was raised about the one way system in place on Sowerby Road Parking on Green Lane East. Residents are extremely concerned that there will be a serious accident on this road. Gravel Hole Lane and Croft Heads have also been affected by this. The Clerk reported that the Highways Dept had been contacted about this and have advised that whilst this is a temporary arrangement they will not be putting additional yellow lines in place.

22/135 To receive and consider apologies for absence and to receive declarations of interest

All parish councillors were present.

22/136 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 9th March 2023

**It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 9th March 2023**

22/137 To receive report from NY Police

No report was received from NYP. Cllr Robson will speak to the local office regarding this, as it has been a number of months since the police have updated councillors.

22/138 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council on items of relevance to Sowerby

NYC Cllr. D Whitfield was not present. Concern was raised that no apology had been received and asked the Clerk to check if Cllr Whitfield's health had declined again, as many items are still outstanding with no feedback received.

It was also agreed to write to the leader of the group and council to ask them to follow up on these matters.

22/139 Planning

1. To note Decisions
2. To consider New Applications

appendix i

**It was resolved that the Clerk will send comments to the Planning Authority**

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22/140 Financial Matters

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

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

3. To consider a quotation for work to village roadways

A quotation had been received to replace the roadway gravel along Front Street for £2567.

**It was resolved that the quotation be accepted**

Parochial Hall entrance works are due to start imminently.

Cllr Hoyland requested an agenda item in May to consider additional gravel on the snicket at the side of the Limes.

22/141 To ratify the agreement made in 22/123 7 to award Honorary Citizenship to Cllr Mark Robson

**It was resolved that an Honorary Citizenship award be granted to Cllr Mark Robson**

22/142 To consider and agree the Parish Council response to the Let's Talk Climate survey

Councillors felt that this document was a paper exercise on the part of the new council.

**It was resolved that councillors would respond personally to this survey rather than as a group**

22/143 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

No matters discussed.

22/144 To receive late correspondence for information only

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

Friends of the Earth had written to the council to ask that mowing regimes be reviewed. SPC has already committed to reducing mowing at World's End, but will continue to mow the verges as usual for safety reasons.

A resident had written regarding Chapel Street planning application and the Clerk has responded to this to advise they should send comments in to the planning authority.

22/145 To receive reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

Cllr Snowden reported that Community Works' Chief Officer has built up a new team. A number of new initiatives including early onset dementia and a monthly newsletter have been started. More volunteers are needed and a market stall will be set up in April to raise awareness of their work.

22/146 Any other business that may be legally discussed

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

Ground works at Sports Village and access was discussed.

Some councillors had been contacted regarding the precept increase, which had been calculated to cover the parish costs for the 2023/2024 financial year.

22/147 Next Meeting

**It was resolved that the next meeting will be Thursday 11th May 2023 which will be the Annual Meeting**

The meeting closed at 20.38