

Sowerby Parish Council

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

Also present: Three members of the public, Cllr. D Whitfield and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

The Chairman welcomed back Cllr. Andrew Turner, who has rejoined the council.

Members of the Public

A resident has noted that the environment agency has ceased monitoring water quality at Cod Beck in Sowerby. It was agreed that the Parish Council will ask for clarity from the Environment Agency regarding this and whether it is a universal decision or specific to Sowerby.

A request was made for the Parish Council to support the Coronation Big Lunch on 7th May, considered in 22/130.

22/120 To receive and consider apologies for absence and to receive declarations of interest

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr. D Hannan

22/121 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 9th February 2023

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 9th February 2023 be approved

22/122 To receive report from NY Police

No report received and it was agreed that the Clerk will write to the police to request an update.

22/123 To receive report from the County and District Councillors on items of relevance to Sowerby

Cllr. Whitfield offered thanks to the council for bearing with him whilst he has been unwell.

A number of issues have been raised and all of these have been put forward to the Highways Area. Some comments have been received back and further feedback is expected regarding the capital projects at Topcliffe Road and Town End realignment. The Parish Council has been advised to report all issues via the Parish Portal.

Cllr. France asked if it was possible to have 20MPH painted on the roads into the town centre.

Cllr. Whitfield was asked where his locality budget had been spent, in the Sowerby and Topcliffe Ward and he will provide this information for the next meeting.

Cllr. Robson will offer a summary from HDC perspective at the Annual Meeting.

Cllr. Robson noted that he had been honoured with an award from HDC at the Business Awards for Strategic Leadership. Thanks were offered to both Cllrs. Robson and Bardon for their service to the area, during their time at HDC.

22/124 Planning

New Applications

appendix i

It was resolved decisions be noted and feedback for new applications be given to the planning authority

22/125 Financial Matters

a. To note Receipts

b. To Note and Approve Payments

appendix ii

It was resolved that receipts be noted and payments received

22/126 To confirm the location of a donated bench

It was resolved a commemorative bench be placed on a concrete plinth near the location of the Christmas Tree

It was confirmed that the commemorative bench agreed for the play area be located appropriately when this is delivered

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22/127 To consider and agree the Parish Council response to the Parish Charter

It was resolved that the Parish Council will agree to accept the Parish Charter with the new North Yorkshire Council subject to this being reviewed in 12 months

22/128 To consider and agree the Parish Council response to the Let's Talk Climate survey
This will be revisited in April as councillors have not received this documentation.

22/129 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

22/115 A presentation will be made at the April meeting

The tree has been moved from outside the property as agreed

22/118 A quote will be brought to the meeting in April for the roadways around the green

22/130 To receive late correspondence for information only

appendix iii

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

1. Resident letter regarding driving over the village green and the production of a map
2. A Coronation Big Lunch event, open to all residents, is being organised and an invoice will be sent to the Parish Council following the event to cover some of the costs.
3. A letter regarding the gravel on the roadways on Front Street had been received
4. A resident commenting on the planning process have been followed up and will be answered by the Clerk

22/131 Reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

None

22/132 Any other business that may be legally discussed

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

1. Cllr. Beadle noted that the Play Area Signs phone number is not working, this will be updated.
2. Cllr. Turner noted the lamp post leaning at the Parochial Hall. He also circulated a Dark Skies initiative flyer.
3. Cllr. Hoyland raised the issue of notification for the Westgate/Sowerby Road works as it has not been received by some residents.
4. Cllr. France was also concerned about the management of the parking during this work as the junction on Green Lane East is often blocked. A Temporary Parking restriction will be requested.
5. Cllr. Hoyland wished to understand when the delivery of bus service on Sowerby Gateway is anticipated.
6. Cllr. France noted that a new bike sign has been fitted to the post at the side of the wall.
7. Cllr. France requested that Cllr. Robson left the meeting whilst a matter relating to the Chairman was discussed.

20.33 *Cllr. Robson left the meeting*

Cllr. France commented on the work that Cllr. Robson has done, and the service he has given to the Sowerby and Topcliffe Ward, with 24 years at HDC including 10 years as Leader, in addition to 35 years at the Parish Council PC. Cllr. France asked councillors if they would wish to see Cllr. Robson recognised as an honorary member of the Parish. This was agreed and will be formally ratified at the meeting in April

22/133 To agree date of next meeting as Thursday 13th April 2023

Meeting closed at 8.42pm