

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council
held on Thursday 10th November 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 and Cllr C Snowden.

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

22/078 Members of the public

A resident asked if councillors were pleased to hear that the developer of the lorry park on York Road had been asked to submit a planning application for drainage. Cllr Robson advised that this is a matter for the planning authority but the Parish Council would be pleased to see an application and, if this is not forthcoming, HDC will enforce any breach. Cllr Robson noted this is separate to a drainage pipe which has been in place for many years and recently replaced.

Another resident noted disappointment in receiving an email to advise that the planning authority decided there is no need for an environmental impact assessment for the potential development on York Road and hope the PC will talk to residents about how important green space is for the area. It was then asked whether the PC will support a consultation for residents to share views about the possible development of green space. This will be covered in item 22/087.

22/079 Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

It was resolved that apologies for absence be accepted from Cllr Storm

Best wishes were sent to Cllr Storm, as she had been unwell. County Councillor Whitfield had offered his apologies.

22/080 Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 13th October 2022

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 13th October be accepted

22/081 No report had been received from North Yorkshire Police

Cllr Hannan raised the matter of some damage on the Flatts. Benches had been vandalised and other items had been damaged. Two benches have been removed for safety reasons and will be repositioned in the spring.

22/082 Report from the County Councillor on items of relevance to Sowerby

Cllr Whifield was not present and no updates had been received from the County Council.

Cllr Hoyland noted that Topcliffe Road lamppost 6 is still out and the Clerk will report this again.

22/083 Reports from District Councillors

Cllr Robson noted the pressures of reorganisation on the staff at the District Council and the likelihood of increased council tax for Hambleton residents. From 20th November, 40 rooms in Allerton Court hotel in Northallerton are expected to be used to support families seeking asylum.

22/084 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

- A letter had been received at HDC to confirm that there are no plans to bring asylum seekers to Linton On Ouse.
- The Flatts had been inspected following the fair and the area had been left in an acceptable condition.

22/085 Planning See appendix i

22/02462/OUT Cllr Bardon declared an interest in the application as Chairman of the Planning Committee and took no part in the discussion for this application.

Signed
Chairman
Date

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It was resolved that the Clerk will feed back comments to the planning authority

22/086 Financial Matters

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

It was resolved that receipts be noted and payments approved

22/087 Correspondence for information only

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

- A request had been made for a group to attend a Parish Council meeting to make a short presentation on protecting the green space in the Sowerby area. It was noted that the Flatts Fields and Front Street are protected. Councillors agreed that a community meeting will be arranged when any planning application is received. This is likely to be February, however if an application is received prior to this a separate meeting would be called to consider this. It was also agreed that the areas of concern would be identified and what, if anything the Parish Council can do to protect these.
- A letter of thanks had been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau for the recent donation.
- An email had been received from a resident regarding the shipping container at the doctors surgery and Cllr Robson noted that he had been contacted by the agent about the Parish Council comments. It was clarified that the Parish Council understands the importance of securing patient records, but that this shipping container was not a suitable storage provision. It was suggested that the onus should be on the NHS to provide secure storage.

22/088 Reports from Sub Committees

- Flatts Trust AGM is Monday 12th December at 7pm.
- Cllr Snowden advised that progress was made at Community Works interviewing staff, looking at the services offered and looking at the reuse store.
- Cllr France advised that the Town Hall Committee had produced a budget to present to both councils for projected costs for the Town Hall in the coming three years. He also noted that a boiler may need to be replaced.

22/089 Any other business that may be legally discussed

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

- There will be an agenda item in March 2023 to consider positioning a bench for the coronation.
- Carols Around the Tree will be 20th December at 7pm.
- Cllr Hoyland asked if the council should consider a .gov web address, following recent YLCA communication.
- A derelict vehicle is on Melbourne Place and the police are aware of this.
- Cllr Jackson will put bulbs in over the next month including English Bluebells, Species Crocus and daffodils.
- Cllr Hannan noted that there had been many bulbs at the end of Gravel Hole Lane/Topcliffe Road. Cllr Robson advised that there are so many utilities under this piece of land it is difficult to sustain planting.
- Tree Work will be notified to residents on Front Street w/b 14th November and a notice will be put on the noticeboard and website to reassure residents of the reasons for this work.

22/090 The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 8th December 2022.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Signed
Chairman
Date

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Appendix i Planning Decisions

22/01713/FUL WTSR Granted
Retrospective application for the construction of a garden building 27 Evergreen Way Sowerby

22/02301/TPO WTSA Granted
Work to trees Front Street

Applications

22/02369/FUL WTSA
Construction of dormer to rear elevation
64 Front Street Sowerby Thirsk North Yorkshire YO7 1JF

22/02405/CAT WTSA
Works to tree in a Conservation Area
42 Topcliffe Road Sowerby Thirsk North Yorkshire YO7 1RB

22/02462/OUT WTSR
Outline application for the demolition of existing depot and redevelopment of site to create holiday park comprising 17 static caravans
Warehouse Buffer Depot Sowerby North Yorkshire YO7 1QY
Councillors wish to see this application refused as access for this site is not suitable for this development, given change of use required.

22/02471/MRC WTSA
Modification of condition 2 (drawings) from previously approved application 21/01725/FUL- Proposed attic conversion, rear extension, and detached garage to existing dwelling
84 Topcliffe Road Sowerby Thirsk North Yorkshire YO7 1RT

22/02506/FUL WTSA
Two storey extension with additional off street parking and widened dropped kerb
36 Saxty Way Sowerby Thirsk North Yorkshire YO7 1SB

Signed
Chairman
Date