

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Annexe on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: 15 members of the public, two representatives of North Yorkshire Police and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

23/009 Members of the public to raise any items of importance (maximum of 10 minutes)

A resident raised a community concern regarding a dog attack in the village, as two incidents have happened with the same animal. Confirmation was received that this has been reported to the police and NYP will communicate with the Clerk regarding this matter.

23/010 To receive apologies for absence

It was resolved apologies for absence be received and accepted from Cllr A Jackson, Cllr E Storm and Cllr A Turner

23/011 Minutes

It was resolved that minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 13th April 2023

23/012 To consider applications and agree to co opt a Parish Councillor

It was resolved that Y Bowling be co opted to the Parish Council

Y Bowling completed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

23/013 To receive report from North Yorkshire Police

A report was circulated by NYP.

Concern about the traffic management on Sowerby Road/Green Lane East was raised.

23/014 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council on items of relevance to Sowerby

Cllr Whitfield was not present.

An email had been received from North Yorkshire Council to advise that Cllr Whitfield is on a period of sick leave.

Cllr Robson suggested that Cllr K Foster be invited to the next Parish Council meeting to address the matters outstanding.

It was resolved that the Clerk will contact Cllr Foster with the outstanding issues and an invitation to the next meeting

23/015 To consider a request to add additional gravel on the snicket at the side of the Limes

It was resolved that this work will be costed and be progressed by the Clerk under delegated authority

23/016 To consider the following three requests from Friends of Cod Beck & Flatts Group and agree actions:

- a. Request that NY Council consider extending the conservation area east towards York Road

It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council will request that NYC consider extending the conservation as proposed on the plan circulated

- b. Support the creation of a management group for green spaces within the conservation area

Cllr Robson is concerned that, further to advice from YLCA, the Parish Council does not have the power to undertake this, however individual councillors could be part of this.

Signed
Chairman
Date

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A resident noted that they are looking to develop a stewardship group to bring all parties to the table.

It was resolved that whilst the Parish Council will not appoint a representative, Sowerby Parish Council would be pleased to receive a report back from any councillor who wishes to volunteer, or from the group

c. Receive volunteers from the Parish Council to work with the Friends group

It was noted that Cllr Hoyland will volunteer for this group and reports from the group will be sent to the Clerk in advance of Parish Council meetings for circulation to councillors for information.

23/017 Planning Applications

No planning matters were received for this meeting.

23/018 Financial Matters

Receipts

To Note and Approve Payments

see appendix i

It was resolved that payments be made and receipts noted

23/019 No matters arising

23/020 To receive correspondence for information only

- Correspondence from a resident regarding the byelaws had been responded to in writing
- Correspondence had been received from Cllr D Jackson, Mayor of Thirsk regarding the excellent displays completed by the local crochet and knitting groups for the Coronation and offered his thanks. Cllr Robson added his thanks to these groups.

Correspondence had also been received from the Mayor and two residents regarding political vandalism to the displays. These were read to councillors and members of the public.

Councillors made it very clear that defacing of these items was condemned and that this type of behaviour is not acceptable. It was also noted that the police are aware of this and the North Yorkshire Green Party Leadership had written to the councils to make it clear that they do not condone this behaviour.

A letter of thanks will be sent to the groups. A representative of the groups noted that the good comments far outweigh the negative comments.

- A report from the Coronation Big Lunch was circulated and thanks were offered from the Parish Council to the team who arranged this.

23/021 To receive reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

No further items.

23/022 Any other business that may be legally discussed

No further items.

23/023 Date of next meeting

It was resolved that the date of next meeting will be Thursday 8th June 2023

The meeting closed at 20.40

Signed
Chairman
Date