

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council
on Thursday 9th December 2021 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 Gray, Cllr S Hoyland, Cllr A Jackson and Cllr E Storm.

Also present: A representative of North Yorkshire Police and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

No Members of the Public Present

21/085 To receive and consider apologies for absence and to receive declarations of interest

It was resolved that apologies be noted and accepted from Cllr D Hannan, Cllr C Snowden and County Councillor Baker. Cllr A Turner was not present.

21/086 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 11th November 2021

It was resolved that the minutes of the meetings be accepted and signed as a correct record

21/087 To receive Report from NY Police

A PCSO joined the meeting and circulated a report. A request was made for checks to be carried out on HGVs travelling through the village and the PCSO will send a link to report these issues online. Cllr Bardon requested follow up from the previous meeting and the PCSO will look into this.

21/088 To receive Report from the County Councillor on items of relevance to Sowerby

Cllr Baker was not present.

The footpath on the Flatts Walk is disintegrating and is particularly difficult for wheelchair users. No Cycling Signs are in need of replacement and the signage needs to be repainted.

21/089 To receive Reports from District Councillors

Cllr Robson noted that the outbreak of Avian Flu in the area is very high.

It is expected that Parish Council elections will take place in May 2022, in line with the election for the new Unitary Authority councillors, for a 5 year term. Hambleton District Council will waive all costs to the Parishes for these.

Staffing within HDC is a concern as officers can be relocated to the implementation team once the draft order is signed, which will put pressure on the district councils ability to deliver the projects committed to in the remaining time of the council. A discussion took place regarding the possibility that Parish Councils may need to absorb some responsibilities in the future.

Cllr Robson advised that 58 applications have been received for the Making A Difference Fund.

The Crematorium is expected to be handed over to the council on 18th January.

21/090 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

1. Bids have been received for the pavilion in a modular building and the 3g pitch. Completion is expected in the Autumn 2022.
2. There is no further update of Town End work.
3. Cllr Hoyland advised that he had taken up a tour of the leisure centre.
4. A hornbeam hedge will be planted in the area at Dondeen Avenue.

Signed
Chairman
Date

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21/091 Planning

1. Decisions were noted
2. To consider new applications

Appendix i

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

21/092 Financial Matters

1. To note Receipts
2. To note and approve Payments

Appendix iii

It was resolved that receipts be noted and payments be approved

3. To consider a donation to Thirsk and Sowerby Festival on the Flatts

It was resolved that this item be deferred as no financial information has been received

21/093 To receive late correspondence for information only

Items circulated by email between meetings

21/094 To receive Reports from Sub Committees

1. Cllr France advised that a MAD grant application had been submitted for the Town Hall toilets renovation.
2. A Flatts Preservation Trust AGM is scheduled for 20th December.

21/095 Any other business that may be legally discussed

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

1. Cllr Hoyland noted the closure of the dentists on Kirkgate to NHS patients and that he had been in touch with Kevin Hollinrake MP and he is supportive of requesting the NHS to reconsider the decision to remove the service.
2. The council MVAS is still in the process of being repaired.
3. Cllr France raised the matter of potential improvements to the Parochial Hall including the Car Park and incorporating the old playground. He is concerned that there is no fencing to prevent cars mounting the footpath and that no permissions are in place for this use. Cllr Robson will take this up with the Parochial Church Council and planning department.
4. Discussion took place regarding the safety of the carol service around the tree on 14th December due to COVID and it was decided that the service would not take place this year.

21/096 It was agreed that the date of the next meeting is Thursday 10th February 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm

Signed
Chairman
Date