

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council
on Thursday 11th November 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, Cllr C Snowden and Cllr E Storm.

Also present: J Berry, HDC Chief Planning Officer, one member of the public, Cllr Bob Baker & Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

J Berry, HDC Chief Planning Officer

Mr Berry summarised the position and potential emerging position on Article 4 and advise of other considerations:

- Updated National Planning Policy
- Impact on the enhanced conservation area
- Government attitude change
- Planning Inspectors are less inclined to uphold than expected and that it is a subjective decision

The criteria for planning decisions is based on whether the replacement will preserve or enhance the conservation area and whether any harm can be identified to the conservation area. HDC Enforcement team is now at full capacity so this will be tightly managed moving forward. Breaches should be reported when noticed by councillors or residents.

Thanks were offered to Jon Berry for attending the meeting.

Members of the Public

A resident noted that there have been fewer dogs in the Sports Village.

They also mentioned there is no dropped kerb on School Garth side for ease of access to the Sports Village footpath.

Cllr Robson advised that there is a crossing planned near this area, which is why there has not been a dropped kerb.

21/073 To receive and consider apologies for absence and to receive declarations of interest

It was resolved apologies be noted and accepted from Cllr D Hannan and Cllr A Turner

21/074 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 21st October 2021

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

21/075 To receive Report from NY Police

A report was circulated and it was noted that the PCSO has responded by mail to the questions raised at the last meeting. Individuals had been arrested over the County Lines issue.

Councillors were asked to encourage residents to report issues to the police.

21/076 To receive Report from the County Councillor on items of relevance to Sowerby

Cllr Baker advised that the county council gritting programme will not change, although they have updated their fleet of grit wagons. 17 of these have GPS spreaders, which will reduce the salt consumption by 20%.

Cllr Baker advised that the holes on Topcliffe Road/Gravel Hole Lane were percolation tests for the drainage works.

He also noted there has been funding put in place to deal with the holes outside the Parochial Hall entrance.

White lines in the village are being surveyed and it is expected these will be done when the Town End work is complete.

21/077 To receive Reports from District Councillors

Cllr Robson confirmed the Leisure Centre was reopened successfully and it has been well received.

From 1st December to 4th January all parking charges in Hambleton District Council car parks have been suspended.

Signed
Chairman
Date

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21/078 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

1. The toilets on the sports village are an ongoing matter and the tenders for the pavilion have been received.
2. Letters of thanks have been sent to Dales of Thirsk and Cleancore UK for the cenotaph work.
3. A reminder of the Remembrance service was issued.
4. Thanks were offered to Cllr Jackson and family and Cllr France for bulb planting.

21/079 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

21/080 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 quote for tree work within the village for £900.

It was resolved this work be completed as soon as possible

4. To discuss and agree precept requirements for 2022/2023.

Discussion took place regarding the requirements of the Parish Precept for 2022/2023. The precept for 2021/2022 had been frozen due to the impact of the COVID pandemic.

It was resolved that the precept for 2022/2023 be set at £80,000

21/081 To receive late correspondence for information only

1. A letter of thanks had been received from Thirsk Business Association Ladies Group for the donation to the Christmas Lights Appeal.
2. A resident has requested placing a play equipment item or bench in Sowerby Play Area in remembrance of her father, more information will be gathered and this will be dealt with as an agenda item in the future.
3. A letter regarding a planning application had been received, however this item had previously been dealt with at this parish and it has been sent to the planning department.

21/082 To receive Reports from Sub Committees

1. Cllr Snowden noted that there will be an Escape To The Country episode featuring Community Works on Tuesday 16th Nov at 3pm.

21/083 Any other business that may be legally discussed

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

1. Cllr France commented that "Colin the Caterpillar" on the Sports Village looks good.
2. Cllr Gray had a conversation with a resident re Potters Field and thanks were passed to the council to have a wildflower area in the meadow.
3. There are still some issues with ball games on the housing at Dondreen Avenue/Freemans Way and this has been raised by a resident again. Cllr Robson and Cllr Jackson will undertake a site visit to review this.

21/084 It was agreed that the date of the next meeting is Thursday 9th December 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed
Chairman
Date