

# *Sowerby Parish Council*

## Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council on Thursday 8th June at 7.30pm in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Annexe.

**Present:** Cllr M Robson (Chairman), Cllr P Bardon, Cllr T Beadle, Cllr Y Bowling, Cllr G France, Cllr A Jackson, Cllr C Snowden.

**Also present:** 1 member of the public; Cllr K Foster, Leader of the Green Party and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

23/024 Members of the public to raise any items of importance

No comments.

23/025 To receive apologies for absence

**It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr D Hannan, Cllr S Hoyland and Cllr E Storm**

23/026 To approve and sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting, the Annual Meeting and Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Thursday 11th May 2023

**It was resolved that the minutes of these meeting be approved**

23/027 To receive report from North Yorkshire Police

No NYP representatives present.

23/028 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council on items of relevance to Sowerby

- Topcliffe Road Drains, work is underway currently on a 15 week programme.
- Topcliffe Road Lamp post 6 issue is ongoing, despite being out for 9 months. It is a statutory obligation to repair this, as it is over a speed sign.
- Yellow Lines have been repainted at Newsham Road entrance.
- Cycling Signage - an inspection is forthcoming.
- Station Road Roundabout - being monitored and future flooding should be reported to NYC on the portal.
- Trees on Topcliffe Road - the Clerk will clarify which these are and report with photos to Highways.
- Realignment of Town End- delivery of this is in discussion with Taylor Wimpey - Section 278 Licence required.
- Cllr Robson also raised that there has been a planning approval for the recycling centre on Tip Lane and that Cllr Foster will put this to the ACC as parish councillors wish to reiterate their objection to this.
- Cllr Foster hopes to accept applications for Locality Budget on behalf of Cllr Whitfield for the benefit of the ward.
- Cllr France asked Cllr Foster why residents are being given different numbers for the council. Cllr Foster has advised that resident issues can be sent directly by email to him including photos/road numbers etc, via the Clerk. Emergency contact numbers are expected imminently.
- New gateway link road is complete but not tarmacked and there has been no communication regarding the potential bus route. Cllr Foster was asked to request an update from NYC under the Section 106 obligation.
- The Clerk noted that there have been a number of matters passed to Parish that are highways matters and this will be raised by Cllr Foster with Area2.
- Cllr Jackson asked whether the one way system on Sowerby Road will be temporary or permanent and this will be raised with Area2. Any driver error should be reported to the police.

# Sowerby Parish Council

23/029 Planning Applications

see appendix i

**It was resolved that the Clerk will feedback comments into the planning authority**

23/030 Financial Matters

Receipts and Payments

see appendix ii

**1. It was resolved that payments be approved**

To approve AGAR submission 2023/2024

**2. It was resolved that the Annual Accounting Statement be approved and submitted**

**3. It was resolved that the Accounts Statements be approved and submitted**

To consider the request for a donation to Thirsk & Sowerby Festival on the Flatts

**4. It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council will donate £500 to the Festival on the Flatts**

23/031 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

Conservation Area extension: Councillors were updated that the Clerk has submitted an initial letter and is in discussion with officers from NYC, to ensure any further information is supplied as required.

23/032 To receive correspondence for information only

- Chapel Street Boots Closure - the PC made representations to Boots and the pharmacy has been closed.
- Lloyds Bank closure is disappointing and the Clerk can write to request that this rural provision be protected. As it offers a safe environment for residents - particularly elderly/vulnerable.
- An incident had occurred near the river and the primary concern of the PC is for all families and children but the responsibility for the land is the land owner and parents to ensure children are appropriately supervised.
- A Tree on the Flatts outside the institute broke and fell across the path, taking out the telephone line for a number of businesses and residents. Work was done in 2008 under a TPO and further work is expected.

23/033 To receive reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

No updates.

23/034 Any other business that may be legally discussed

*Items requiring a decision will be placed on a future agenda*

- Cllr France noted that post box collections on Front Street have been changed and this is being collected by a post worker not a collection van. The Clerk will endeavour to find out why this has been done.
- Cllr Jackson has received comments that the grass under the trees at World's End look untidy. A decision was taken to leave this until July to allow wildflowers to grow. Councillors were asked to encourage residents to write into the Clerk. Cllr Turner noted the positive wildflower area near the Swimming Baths.
- The hedge along Blakey Lane footpath needs cutting, which will be arranged by the Clerk.
- Trees on Front Street have some dead branches now they are in leaf and these will be revisited by the Tree Surgeon.
- Former Lambert Hospice event is upcoming and £300,000 is required. Opening is expected in October.
- McDonalds manager has been in touch to provide a contact point and Cllr Robson will meet with them.

23/035 To confirm the date of next meeting as Thursday 13th July 2023

Meeting closed at 8.20pm

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## **Appendix i Planning**

### Decisions

NY/2022/0059/FUL Recycling Centre Tip Lane	WTSR	Granted
23/00324/FUL Retrospective new window opening to front elevation 120 Front Street Sowerby Thirsk YO7 1JJ	WTSA	Granted
23/00526/FUL Revised application for replacement of garage roof 17 Victoria Avenue	WTSA	Granted
22/02104/FUL Retrospective application for the replacement of 5no. Windows LOCATION: 11 Mowbray Place	WTSR	Granted

### **Applications**

ZB23/00855/FUL and ZB23/00856/LBC

Conversion of a redundant agricultural building to form a single dwelling with associated extensions and alterations.  
Thorpefield Farm Thorpefield

**WTSA**

ZB23/01053/FUL

Proposed single storey rear sun lounge extension  
54A Admirals Court Sowerby

**WTSA**

ZB23/01013/FUL

Addition of rear extension including addition of velux windows to the front of the property  
10 Blakey Lane Sowerby

**WTSA**