

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council on Thursday 10th July at 7.30pm in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Annexe.

Present: Cllr M Robson, Chairman; Cllr P Bardon; Cllr S Bardon; Cllr S Hoyland and Cllr C Snowden.

Also Present: Alexandra Robson, Clerk

25/033 Members of the public to raise any items of importance (maximum of 10 minutes)
No members of the public present.

25/034 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

It was resolved apologies be received and accepted from Cllr T Beadle; Cllr Y Bowling; Cllr A Jackson; Cllr E Storm; Cllr K Till and Cllr A Turner

25/035 To approve and sign the minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 12th June 2025

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 12th June 2025 be approved

25/036 To receive report from North Yorkshire Police

No report had been received. Cllr Robson had spoken to the local officers who had advised that, due to staffing levels, they are not available to attend meetings but questions should be sent in to the team.

25/037 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council on items of relevance to Sowerby

Cllr D Sladden had offered apologies for this meeting but no report had been received. Councillors understand that Cllr Sladden may not be able to attend but would appreciate a report to be sent with any relevant updates.

Discussion took place about the limited work done on the roadways, which was not completed fully and is planned again for 16th July.

Trees at Blakey Lane need trimming for visibility.

Hedgerow on Flatts Footpaths is overgrown.

25/038 To consider Planning Applications

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It was resolved that the Clerk will submit comments to the Planning Authority

25/039 Financial Matters

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

25/040 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

No additional updates.

25/041 To receive correspondence for information only

A resident had written to request that a bench be put in place to commemorate the life of a local resident. Cllr Robson will meet them to establish a suitable location.

25/042 To receive reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

1. Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall had taken place. Cllr A Trueman was elected Chairman and Cllr Robson is Vice Chairman for 2025.
2. Cllr S Bardon had attended the Thirsk & Sowerby Festival on the Flatts meeting on 8th July. Volunteers were requested for the event day. A sponsors event and additional meeting will take place on 30th July.

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25/043 Any other business that may be legally discussed

Items requiring a decision will be placed on a future agenda

1. 72a Topcliffe Road hedge needs to be cut, as it is growing across the footpath
2. A lamppost is covered with foliage on the Flatts footpath and another on the Flatts field
3. A resident has written regarding a utilities company who have dug up some tarmac on a pavement along Back Lane but only replaced it with soil. This has been sent in to North Yorkshire Council.
4. Village bench painting has started and will be continued asap, subject to weather and after school holidays for the play areas.
5. Thirsk In Bloom were looking for a water supply during the hosepipe ban. A local farmer with a bore hole will support this.

25/044 The date of next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 11th September 2025

The meeting closed at 7.56pm.

Appendix i Planning Applications

ZB25/01090/CAT Application for removal of a pine tree

23 Sowerby Road Sowerby

It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

ZB25/00896/FUL Application for change of use proposing mixed use allowing for 28 days for car boot car park returning to Arable farmland

Woodfield Farm York Road Thirsk North Yorkshire YO7 3AD

It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved subject to officers paying due attention to the feedback from Highways regarding the traffic on the A19

Premises Licence for Thirsk Garden Centre

It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved