

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of an ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council held on Thursday 9th October at 1930 in the Town Hall Annexe

Present: Cllr M Robson, Chairman; Cllr P Bardon; Cllr Y Bowling; Cllr A Jackson; Cllr S Hoyland; Cllr C Snowden; Cllr E Storm and Cllr K Till.

Also Present: One member of the public, a representative of North Yorkshire Police and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

25/057 Members of the public to raise any items of importance (maximum of 10 minutes)

No matters raised.

25/058 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr T Beadle, Cllr S Bardon and Cllr A Turner

Cllr Sladden, North Yorkshire Council (NYC) had also offered apologies for the meeting.

25/059 To approve and sign the minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 11th September 2025

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 11th September 2025 be approved

25/060 To receive report from North Yorkshire Police

- A report had been circulated in advance.
- It was noted that there is still a damaged vehicle on Blakey Lane, which has been there for over a week. As it is owned and not obstructing the highway it would be dealt with by NYC. The Clerk will report this from the Parish Council.
- Many hoax phone calls had been received, which have caused a significant waste of police time.
- Anti social behaviour has settled down and officers are working with the school to ensure the young people are educated and supported to behave appropriately.
- A new beat manager has joined the team recently.
- Continued use of bicycles on the Flatts Walk and this has also extended to a vehicle which has been reported to the police.
- A member of the public made reference to young people hanging round the leisure centre, having seen them with a bat and drugs. The Clerk will feed this into NYC.

25/061 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council on items of relevance to Sowerby
Cllr Sladden had sent a short update to advise of matters raised with NYC.

25/062 To consider Planning Applications

A notification had been received for a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on 3 trees at 19a Back Lane. There was work planned on these trees but a NYC officer has placed a TPO on them, thus ensuring an arborist report will be required for planning. Councillors feel that this approach is over zealous and wish to establish if this a NYC policy or a local plan policy from the previous district council.

It was resolved that SPC object to the TPO being put on these trees and would wish to see appropriate works be conducted by a relevant tree surgeon

ZB25/01654/FUL Householder Application for Planning Permission for works or extension to a dwelling: Proposed Two Storey Side & Rear Extension. 8 Admirals Court Sowerby.

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

ZB25/01756/ADV Application for advertisement consent for 4no.external non illuminated sponsorship roundabout signs

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved but the Council would wish to see a locally based company using the advertising not a multi national

Signed

Chairman

Date

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25/063 Financial Matters

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1. To Note Receipts and Approve Payments

It was resolved that payments be made and receipts noted

2. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit was noted
3. To consider a request for a donation

It was resolved that donations will be made to the following organisations:

£500 Thirsk & Sowerby Festival on the Flatts 2026

£500 Christmas Lights Appeal

£300 Citizens Advice Bureau

25/064 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

1. The issue with the Cons Club wall has not yet been addressed and remains a hazard to pedestrians. It was agreed that NYC should be pressed to make the area safe, via Cllr Sladden.
2. Members noted that NYC is currently undertaking the removal of flags from their lampposts. As this is NYC property, it was agreed that it is not the responsibility of the Parish Council to deal with this.
3. Cllr Bardon reported previous issues with gullies on Green Lane East, which have been logged via the online portal. Feedback received indicated that pooling of water during rainfall is to be expected. However, gullies along Topcliffe Road remain ineffective, with continued pooling between Mowbray Place and Mowbray Terrace and also at the end of Back Lane towards Dalton. These matters are to be referred to Cllr Sladden for further action.
4. It was reported that Thirsk in Bloom has recently received the highest accolade for their floral displays at the In Bloom awards. The Parish Council agreed that congratulations be extended to the team for this excellent achievement.
5. It was agreed to chase up the outstanding issue concerning the Pack Horse Bridge wall.
6. An operative working on behalf of NYC was observed in the village on a Sunday, preparing pavements for slurry tar treatment. Feedback has been provided to NYC Highways noting that the operative was not wearing any identifiable clothing.

25/065 To receive correspondence for information only

A resident had written to request Dondeen hedge cutting which has now been done in line with the contractors schedule.

A complaint about overflowing dog bins had been passed to NYC.

25/066 To receive reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

None.

25/067 Any other business that may be legally discussed

Items requiring a decision will be placed on a future agenda

1. RBL Coffee Morning on 25th October to support their fundraising and for wreaths to be collected.
2. Remembrance Sunday Event 9th November 0930am.
3. Works on Topcliffe Road and Station Road sewage issues are ongoing. There is still the obligation to do the Town End realignment, as it was a planning condition and the council will continue to press for this to be undertaken.
4. Annual Playground Inspection had been received, a high risk item was identified and two swings were removed for safety and new ones have been ordered. The Clerk will review the report and advise of any further works required.
5. Various tree works will be taking place on land around the parish.
6. Information about the Town Investment Plan will be shared with councillors.

25/068 To confirm the date of next meeting as Thursday 13th November 2025

It was resolved that the next meeting will be Thursday 13th November at 19:30

The meeting closed at 2035

Signed

Chairman

Date