

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Sowerby Parish held at Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall Annexe on Thursday 9th May 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr M Robson; Cllr P Bardon; Cllr P Beadle; Cllr Y Bowling; Cllr G France; Cllr S Hoyland;
Cllr A Jackson; Cllr C Snowden; Cllr E Storm and Cllr K Till

Also Present: Alexandra Robson, Clerk

APM 24 01 Apologies for Absence

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr A Turner

Cllr D Sladden NYC has also offered apologies.

APM 24 02 To note the minutes of the previous meeting held Thursday 11th May 2023

The minutes were noted

APM 24 03 Presentation of Reports

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Reports from the following were received:

- Chairman of Sowerby Parish Council
- Chairman of Thirsk and Sowerby Flatts Preservation Trust
- Vice Chairman of Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Management Committee

APM 24 04 To discuss any other business, including questions from members of the electorate

No residents were present

APM 24 05 To confirm the date of next annual meeting

It was resolved that date of the next meeting will be Thursday 8th May 2025

Signed:
Chairman
Dated:

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SPC Chairman Report presented by Cllr M Robson

Cllr Robson summarised the year for Sowerby Parish Council as follows:

- Precept increased for 2024 2025 to £115,000
- Significant tree works as a result of Ash dieback at World's End
- Works around the roadways on the village greens, less effective than hoped and will be reviewed
- Aerial Slide frame replacement
- Ongoing care of play areas
- Grass Cutting
- Allotment management has been effective, 8 changes last season and all full with a waiting list of 20
- Significant application had been received and one for York Road had been withdrawn
- New local plan, work is underway and a call for sites has just been released and runs to end June

Cllr Robson offered thanks to those who litter pick in the village, to Cllr Beadle for opening and closing the play area, and to Cllr Bardon for his support as Vice Chairman. Thanks were also offered to the Clerk and to all Councillors for the time and commitment they give to Sowerby Parish.

Thirsk and Sowerby Flatts Trust presented by Cllr M Robson

During the year the Flatts Changing Rooms refurbishment has been undertaken and is almost complete. This has improved the facilities enormously and is partially occupied but trustees are still looking for the right hirer to occupy the remainder of it.

A contribution from a developer to make a small compound, to allow work to take place locally, has been received and this will be removed shortly.

Some income was generated from Tuckers Fair, it is intended this will happen for future events.

The Flatts Trust supports the Thirsk and Sowerby Festival by allowing use of the space and providing a storage facility at a small fee.

Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall presented by Cllr G France

A report was shared by Cllr France and circulated to councillors.

Community Works

Cllr Snowden updated the council on his position as a trustee on the board of Community Works and clarified the areas he is able to share at future meetings. Any Community Works newsletters received will be shared with councillors by the Clerk.

Rail Users Report

This group is no longer in place.

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24/001 Election of Chairman

It was resolved that the Chairman of Sowerby Parish Council 2024 2025 will be Cllr M Robson

24/002 Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Chairman signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

24/003 To receive apologies for absence

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr A Turner

Cllr D Sladden NYC has also offered apologies.

24/004 To receive Declarations of Interest and confirm Councillors Registers of Interests are complete

Councillors were reminded of the need to keep their Register of Interest up to date.

24/005 To note the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held Thursday 11th May 2023

The minutes were noted.

24/006 Election of Vice-Chairman

It was resolved that the Vice Chairman of Sowerby Parish Council 2024 2025 will be Cllr P Bardon

24/007 Allocation of members to committees and external organisations

It was resolved that committee membership was agreed as appendix i

24/008 To confirm the date of next annual meeting as Thursday 8th May 2025

It was resolved that the next meeting date will be Thursday 8th May 2025

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Committees and External Organisations	Membership
Allotment Committee	2 of any available Councillors, plus the Clerk
Complaints Committee	A panel of 3 made up of available Councillors
Flatts Preservation Trust	Cllr. Robson
Greens & Play Area	Cllrs. Robson, Beadle, Jackson, Hoyland and Snowden
Thirsk and Sowerby Swimming Baths Charity	Cllr. Robson
HR Committee	Chairman, Vice Chairman and one additional person
Planning Committee	Full Council
Play Area Open and Locking	Cllr Beadle
Thirsk & Sowerby Town Hall	Cllrs France, Robson and Storm
Thirsk and Sowerby Festival on the Flatts	Cllr Jackson
Yorkshire Local Councils Associations	Cllrs. Hoyland, Beadle & the Clerk

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