

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council held on Thursday 11th September at 7.30pm in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Annexe.

Present: Cllr M Robson, Chairman; Cllr P Bardon; Cllr S Bardon; Cllr T Beadle; Cllr Y Bowling; Cllr A Jackson; Cllr C Snowden; Cllr E Storm and Cllr A Turner.

Also Present: Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

25/045 Members of the public to raise any items of importance (maximum of 10 minutes)

No members of the public present.

25/046 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr S Hoyland and Cllr K Till

Cllr D Sladden, NYC had offered his apologies for the meeting.

25/047 To approve and sign the minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 10th July 2025

It was resolved that the minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on 10th July 2025 be approved

25/048 To receive report from North Yorkshire Police

No report had been received.

Cllr Bowling circulated a leaflet relating to theft of farm equipment and councillors were asked to share this information with residents.

25/049 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council (NYC) on items of relevance to Sowerby

Cllr Sladden had met with Cllr Robson and discussed outstanding matters relating to the village.

- Litter bins - Sowerby Parish Council (SPC) will send a strongly worded letter to NYC regarding the lack of collections, as there have been significant reductions in the service leading to the overflow of rubbish along the roadways. This will also highlight concern about the reduction in working days for the waste collection teams, as these have gone to 4 days but this has reflected in a deterioration in the service.
- Oak Drive - there are a lot of people parking badly including on the road however this road has not been adopted so NYC will not be putting any form of traffic management in place until this is done.
- Cycling on Flatts Walk - Cllr Sladden is dealing with this missing signage and SPC will encourage Police to enforce this.
- Lamp post - on Flatts Walk vegetation has been cut back.

The following matters were raised by councillors for the attention of Cllr Sladden and NYC.

- Conservative Club wall - SPC has concerns for the safety of residents and the barriers are becoming a trip hazard. It also leaves the car park open where pedestrians or children could run straight into it.
- The Clerk had received several emails from residents, regarding the removal of flags which were being put up around the village. These had been sent to Cllr Sladden who has advised that NYC is taking these flags down throughout the county.
- There had been no feedback from NYC after the suggestion to reduce the speed limit at Thircon Roundabout/dual carriageway to 40mph.
- A request from a resident for NYC to consider the implementation of a 20MPH limit by the school on Gravel Hole Lane has been sent to Cllr Sladden.
- Concern had been raised regarding the way NYC are spending their money e.g. regeneration of Selby shopping centre when basic services are not being maintained.
- There is a delay to the Station Roadworks as there is a sewage issue, works are ongoing and have been delayed by 21 days.
- Road sides have not been swept by the gully sweeper or sprayed off this year and weeds are growing in the gullies.
- Front Street and Back Lane spray tar patch up works have not improved the road surface. All the signage from these works was also incorrect, with varying dates and has been left out and not collected up.
- Drains are all blocked on Front Street again.
- On Back Lane a lamp post which was put in and is situated half way across the pavement has not been remedied.

Signed
Chairman
Date

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25/050 To consider Planning Applications

appendix i

It was resolved that the Clerk will submit comments to the planning authority

It was noted that the application for retention of storage containers on Cedar Road has gone to appeal.

25/051 Financial Matters

appendix ii

It was resolved that receipts be noted and payments made

Confirmation from the YLCA of the Local Government Annual Pay Award of 3.2% was noted and would be applied.

It was also noted that the Clerk had completed the redeclaration of compliance for the Pensions Regulator.

25/052 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

- The commemorative bench will be in place within the next week
- This year's Festival on the Flatts had been an excellent and well attended event. A de-brief meeting has taken place and future plans are in place for the 10 year event under the new chairman and a further meeting has been arranged for 23rd September.
- Open spaces bench painting is ongoing and will be continued into the spring.
- Thirsk in Bloom has been supported with the water supply from a local farmer. There has also been judging of the In Bloom competition and the group will be presented with their award on 25th September.

25/053 To receive correspondence for information only

- A call had been received about foliage obstructing driver vision on Front Street which has been dealt with.
- An individual request for support with a child's wheelchair purchase was received, councillors asked that the Clerk refer them to Rotary as they may be able to support this.
- Branches have been reported in Cod Beck and this was passed to the Swale and Ure Drainage Board for action.
- Donation requests from the following organisations had been received and will be brought to the next meeting:
 - Festival on the Flatts
 - Citizens Advice
 - Christmas Lights
- Play Area Opening and closing volunteers had come forward and the Clerk will arrange a meeting.

25/054 To receive reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

Nothing further.

25/055 Any other business that may be legally discussed

Items requiring a decision will be placed on a future agenda

- NYC spending - millions are being spent in other geographical areas, and seem to be topping up their own companies.
- Pavements outside St Oswalds Church have been marked up for pending works.
- Front Street water leak has opened up again.
- Play area wetpour has been repaired and a piece of play equipment that has been in place for 20 years is due to be replaced.
- A Remembrance planning meeting will take place on Saturday 13th at 10.00.

25/056 To confirm the date of next meeting as Thursday 9th October 2025

It was resolved that the next meeting will be Thursday 9th October 2025

The meeting closed at 20:25

Signed
Chairman
Date

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Appendix i Planning Applications

ZB25/01093/FUL Application to replace 2 UPVC upstairs windows to the front and 2 UPVC upstairs windows to the rear with white PVC windows to have the appearance of sash windows with sash horns.

4 South Terrace Sowerby

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

ZB25/01256/MPN Change of use of agricultural building to Class E (commercial, business or service) use.

Cocked Hat Farm Topcliffe Road Sowerby

Cllr A Turner declared an interest in this application.

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

ZB25/01407/CAT T1 - Walnut (*Juglans regia*) 0.5-1m lateral and vertical crown reduction.

16 South Terrace Sowerby

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

ZB25/01464/CON Application for planning permission for the relevant removal of 8 brick courses to part of an unlisted boundary wall in a conservation area (fronting Blakey Lane).

Sowerby House Nursing Home Sowerby House Front Street Sowerby

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

ZB25/01492/FUL Application for single storey side extension, alterations to fenestration and external wall finishes.

21 Front Street Sowerby

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

ZB25/01500/FUL Application for replacement conservatory on the rear elevation of existing dwelling.

15 Queens Gardens Sowerby

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

ZB25/01514/CAT Notification of Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area: Fir tree, reduce in height by 1.8M to 3 Meters.

25A Back Lane Sowerby

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

ZB25/01539/TPO Application for works to fell a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order. T1 Heaven Ref 2005/14.

46 Topcliffe Road Sowerby

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

ZB25/01560/CAT Application for works to a tree in a Conservation Area. T2 (holly tree).

46 Topcliffe Road Sowerby

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

ZB25/01571/CAT Notification of Proposed Works to Trees in a Conservation Area: Fell T1 - Leylandii (*Cupressus x Leylandii*)

8 Sowerby Road

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

Licence Application Londis, 1 Back Lane Sowerby

Sowerby Parish Council wish to see this application approved

Signed
Chairman
Date