

# Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council  
on Thursday 12th December 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 S Hoyland; Cllr A Jackson; Cllr C Snowden; Cllr E Storm and Cllr K Till.

**Also present:** Three members of the public and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

24/084 Members of the public to raise any items of importance  
No matters raised.

24/085 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

**It was resolved that apologies for absence be received and accepted from Cllr G France and Cllr A Turner**

24/086 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th November 2024

**It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 14th November 2024 be approved**

24/087 Cod Beck

A short update was received from a representative of the Friends of Cod Beck, regarding a possible grant funding application for the Cod Beck catchment. This project is in its very early stages but discussions have taken place with the Yorkshire Dales River Trust (YDRT) and, as part of the consultation process, it is important to find out what things may be in the application and what items should be considered. Number of different ideas have been received and the grant would be applied for and administered by the YDRT.

**It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council is supportive of the principle of the matter**

19:43 Cllr Bardon joined the meeting

24/088 To receive report from North Yorkshire Police

A report had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

24/089 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council on items of relevance to Sowerby

Cllr Sladden had offered apologies for the meeting and had sent an update on the matters relating to planning in an email which was shared with councillors. There was concern that the engagement process with the Parish Council is not effective, with the expectation that Parish Councils will watch for updates rather than be advised by the planning authority.

24/090 To consider Planning Applications

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**It was resolved that the Clerk will submit the council responses to the planning department**

24/091 To receive an update from the Play Area reports and agree next steps

A small amount of remedial work has been identified.

**It was resolved that the Clerk will arrange for this to be undertaken.**

24/092 To consider and agree recipients of Honorary Citizen awards

It was proposed that two couples be considered for Honorary Citizenship.

John and Andrea Potter who have served more than 30 years volunteering and being active committee members at the Ritz Cinema.

Maureen and John Worley who have achieved 40 years collecting for the RBL Poppy Appeal. Both couples are considered to have made an outstanding contribution to the community in Sowerby.

**It was resolved that both couples be offered the Honorary Citizens award and a presentation be made at a suitable time**

Signed  
Chairman  
Date

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24/093 Financial Matters

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

It was noted that the items relating to the Town Hall will be shared with Thirsk Town Council

It was noted that emergency tree works took place on Cocked Hat Park

3. To consider a request for a donation to Thirsk & Sowerby Festival on the Flatts 2025

It was agreed that it is important to support this community event however a positive financial balance was noted from their accounts.

There was concern as to what happens to the balance if the event closes and there are still funds in the account and also what the current balance of sink fund refers to and if this is from previous years events.

**It was resolved that Sowerby Parish Council will donate £500 to Thirsk & Sowerby Festival on the Flatts 2025**

24/94 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

Heating will be upgraded in Town Hall Main Hall in February half term to cause as little disruption as possible.

24/095 To receive correspondence for information only

- A letter has been received from North Yorkshire Council regarding the grass cutting payment contribution and the additional amount for Topcliffe Road will be added and this will be reissued.
- An email had been received from the Vicar at St Oswalds asking if a councillor would read at the service on 21st December

24/096 To receive reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

None.

24/097 Any other business that may be legally discussed

- Some work on the Flatts Footpath is being done.
- Concerns have been raised about the safety of the wall at the back of the Conservative Club bordering the footpath. Cllr Robson spoke to the Chairman of the Conservative Club about their responsibility towards this and the NYC Area 2 Highways Officer has been in contact with them. The Clerk had logged this matter with North Yorkshire Council.
- Gutters along Front Street and Topcliffe Road are blocked again.
- A resident had asked when the one way system at Sowerby Road will be removed, but there is still ongoing work.
- The Annual Carol Service will take place on 17th December at 19:00.

24/098 To confirm the date of next meeting

**It was resolved that the date of the next meeting is Thursday 13th February 2025**

The meeting closed at 20:30.

Signed  
Chairman  
Date

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## Appendix i Planning

### Applications circulated between meetings

ZB24/02030/TPO Application for works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order  
Veterinary Laboratories Agency

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

ZB24/02149/FUL Proposed alterations and single storey extension to the rear of existing dwelling  
9 Croft Heads Sowerby

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

ZB24/02151/FUL Application for the installation of an Air Source to Water Heat Pump  
28 Yew Tree Way Sowerby

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

ZB24/01471/FUL Application for Retrospective planning permission for the erection of 1No prefabricated office block  
Buffer Depot Melbourne Place Sowerby

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

### Applications

ZB24/02244/FUL Demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of two-storey extension to existing dwelling  
46 Saxty Way Sowerby

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

ZB24/02057/FUL Alterations to front and rear elevation, roof and chimney. New or repair of windows. Repairs to brickwork.  
16 Victoria Avenue Sowerby

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

ZB24/00891/REM Application for Approval of All Reserved Matters (access appearance landscaping layout scale) for the construction of 7  
units, Cedar Road

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

Signed  
Chairman  
Date