

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council on Thursday 12th June at 7.30pm in Thirsk and Sowerby Town Hall Annexe.

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

Also Present: Cllr D Sladden, North Yorkshire Council (NYC) and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

Condolences were offered to the families of Mr G Johnson and Mr D Turner, both prominent members of the Sowerby community who have recently passed away.

25/020 Members of the public to raise any items of importance (maximum of 10 minutes)
No members of the public were present.

25/021 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr T Beadle and Cllr S Hoyland

25/022 To approve and sign the minutes the following meeting on 8th May 2025:

1. Annual Parish Meeting
2. Annual Meeting of the Parish Council
3. Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council

It was resolved that the minutes of the above meetings be approved

25/023 To receive report from North Yorkshire Police

No representatives of the police were present.

An officer had responded to the Clerks email regarding the motorised scooters in the village, which are legal on the road. However councillors are concerned about two wheeled scooters, not mobility vehicles, so this will be raised again.

25/024 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council on items of relevance to Sowerby

- Front Street one way system has been returned to two ways. The Clerk wrote to the Highways on 13th May regarding the one way reversion and reinstating of the pavement but has yet to receive a response.
- The reduction to 40 MPH zone will be put in on Topcliffe Rd in July, once the roadworks are finished.
- NYC is considering if it is appropriate to use allocated S106 monies to make upgrades for the track from the Gateway to Green Lane West or use this money as a leverage to gain other grant funding.
- A number of potential pathway upgrades are detailed on the recently published Thirsk Travel Plan.
- Potholes on Front Street have been dealt with, but they are not good quality work.
- Cocked Hat Park has been recently resurfaced and questions were asked whether this was a necessary spend given the state of other roadways in the village. Relaying the path on Front Street is expected.
- Another serious accident had happened at the Tomrod roundabout/A19 and Cllr Sladden was asked how we can push for improvements to be looked into and the speed limits to be reviewed and reduced to 40MPH. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Sladden, Bagby Parish Council and Thirsk Town Council with a view to writing to the Highways Agency and the Police.
- Back Lane signage for the pinch points is so close to the road that a large vehicle cannot get through due to the reduced width.
- Three items from last month were also raised - bus stops, parking at Sports Village and Pack Horse Bridge.
- No further update or provision of trees had been received and councillors expressed disappointment in this.

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

Sowerby Parish Council

25/025 To consider Planning Applications

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

25/026 Financial Matters

To note receipts and to approve payments.

- 1. It was resolved that payments be made and receipts noted**
- 2. It was resolved that the AGAR Statement 2024/2025 be approved**
- 3. It was resolved that the AGAR Submission 2024/2025 be approved and submitted to the External Auditor**
- 4. It was resolved that the notification of public rights be issued**

25/027 To note the tree report for Front Street Lime trees and agree actions

It was resolved that this report be noted, circulated to councillors and trees be monitored for maintenance work in the autumn

25/028 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

No further matters raised.

25/029 To receive correspondence for information only

1. Travellers had camped at World's End, which happens annually, but some of these were untidy this year
2. A person has been riding a motorbike on the Flatts and Sowerby Sports Village, which has been reported
3. An issue with a hole in a footpath has been sent to Cllr Sladden
4. A report of a vandalised sign and bikes riding on Flatts Footpath has been received
5. A request has been made to consider less grass cutting to allow for wildflower growth
6. Sowerby Academy has advised that the regenerated pond area will be reopened on 27th June
7. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan Consultation has been received for comment

25/030 To receive reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

Cllr S Bardon has not heard from the Festival Committee, despite the event being a short time away. The Clerk will follow this up with the Chairman of the Committee.

25/031 Any other business that may be legally discussed

Items requiring a decision will be placed on a future agenda

A question was raised regarding the numbers using the buses, since the new route has been implemented.

25/032 To confirm the date of next meeting

It was resolved that the next meeting will be Thursday 10th July 2025 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 20.43

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

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Appendix i Planning Applications

ZB25/00984/FUL PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO SIDE/REAR

Carrwood 21 Back Lane Sowerby

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

ZB25/00848/FUL Part retrospective application for retention of surfacing, storage containers, siting of additional storage containers

(123 in total) and erection of enclosing screen fencing and enhanced landscaping.

Land West Of Gateway House Cedar Road Sowerby

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

ZB25/00856/FUL Retrospective application for a covered walkway 19.2m by 28.0m

Thirsk Garden Centre Blakey Lane Sowerby

Cllr Turner declared a pecuniary interest in this application and took no part in the discussion.

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

ZB25/00863/TPO Trimming of Lime Tree adjacent to 28 Topcliffe Road (protected by TPO:18/00013/TPO2).

28 Topcliffe Road Sowerby Thirsk

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

ZB25/00858/CAT Works to a Tree in a Conservation Area - Dead Silver Birch requires removing to prevent falling onto people and property

10 South Terrace Sowerby Thirsk

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

ZB25/00911/CAT Application for Proposed felling of 1 ASH Tree in a Conservation Area

9 Mowbray Place Sowerby

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

ZB25/00962/ADV Application for Consent to Display Advertisements: 1) Non Illuminated signage above Thirsk and Sowerby Leisure Centre Main Entrance. 2) Non Illuminated sign at the main Entrance to the Car Park.

Thirsk And Sowerby Leisure Centre Chapel Street Thirsk

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

ZB25/01001/CAT Application for works to trees in a conservation area -T1 - Pear tree - To reduce back overhanging branches away from neighbours garden- T2 - Maple tree - To reduce back overhanging branches away from neighbours garden- T3 -

Blue Cedar - Crown lift lower canopy to 2.5m and T4 - Green Cedar - Crown lift lower canopy to 3.5m

Telford House 8 Sowerby Road Sowerby

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

Signed:

Chairman

Date: