

Sowerby Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sowerby Parish Council held
on Thursday 10th April 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 A Jackson; Cllr S Hoyland; Cllr C Snowden; Cllr E Storm; Cllr K Till and Cllr A Turner.

Also Present: Two members of the public and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

24/125 Members of the public to raise any items of importance (maximum of 10 minutes)

News on Sowerby Road - nothing from Highways, Cllr Sladden was not present so an update was not received.

24/126 To receive apologies for absence and declarations of interest

All councillors were present.

Cllr P Bardon declared a non pecuniary interest in the co option, due to a family connection.

24/127 To approve and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th March 2025

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 13th March 2025 be approved

24/128 To consider applications received and co-opt a councillor for the casual vacancy

It was resolved that S Bardon be co opted to the position of Parish Councillor

Cllr S Bardon signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting, offering thanks to the Council for giving him the opportunity to join the Council.

24/129 To receive report from North Yorkshire Police

No report had been received.

24/130 To receive a report from North Yorkshire Council on items of relevance to Sowerby

No report had been received.

24/131 To consider Planning Applications

ZB25/00432/FUL Addition of No. 2 pitched dormers to the south (front) elevation, a flat roof dormer to the east elevation incorporating a garage conversion into an office space, removing the garage door and replacing it with No. 1 window. 4 Honeysuckle Way Sowerby.

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

24/132 Financial Matters

1. No receipts received
2. To approve payments

It was resolved that payments be made

24/133 To update council on matters arising from minutes for information only

- Concern was reiterated regarding the bus service from Thirsk to York and no feedback had been received regarding the new timetable. Some positive comments were made regarding the service picking up on Sowerby Gateway.
- Some markings are in place on Front Street suggesting work is imminent to potholes on the road.
- Cllr Hoyland had reported a lamppost covered in foliage on the Flatts Footpath.

24/134 To receive correspondence for information only

- A letter had been received thanking the council for the drop kerb on Gravel Hole Lane drop kerb.
- Thirsk Youth Club are having an open day and an invitation will be shared with councillors.

Signed
Chairman
Date

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24/135 To receive reports from Committees and Organisational Representatives

No reports at this meeting.

24/136 Any other business that may be legally discussed

Items requiring a decision will be placed on a future agenda

- Concern was raised regarding the closure of some of the market place whilst remedial work to the ground under the cobbles takes place. There is significant parking disruption as a result of this.
- Councillors noted the York and North Yorkshire Mayoral spend on a new logo, with disappointment at this waste of money.
- Impact of the changes to Back Lane pavement on the roadway from Sandholme Court was discussed. It was agreed that the Clerk will feed this into Highways requesting a solution be looked into. There is also a telegraph pole in the pathway.

24/137 It was resolved that the next meeting will be Thursday 8th May 2025, at 7:00pm which is the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 7:59pm.

Signed
Chairman
Date