

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL
TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2012

400

Present

Mr. M. Spencer
Ms. C. Barrowman

Mr. B. Wilson
Mr G Fairclough

Mrs E. Hodgson
Ms J Marshall

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Traffic calming – Cllr. Ms Barrowman had made further enquiries, but had not yet had any definitive answers. With regard to the visual “gates” suggested by the Chairman, Cllr. Ms Marshall pointed out that there were rules regarding the installing of such measures, which would need to be investigated. Ms Barrowman would follow the matter up, and the item was tabled for the next meeting. It was also noted that the governors of the school had said they would give whatever help they could in this connection.

Village Web Site – Cllr. Mr. Wilson reported that no invoice had yet been received, and how to keep the web site up to date was then discussed. Mr. Wilson would report further to the next meeting. It was decided that the Minutes would be published in full, and the Clerk would email them to Mr. Wilson after each meeting at which they were ratified. Also to go on the web site would be the dates of forthcoming meetings, and provisional agendas.

Finance

The Treasurer presented the financial report as follows:-

High Interest Account
Current Account

36589.71
675.20

Payments had been made as follows:-

D. Kettlewood

185.00

Approval was given to pay Mazars £390 for the annual audit, Smiths of Derby £210 for maintenance of the church clock, and the Village Hall Management Committee £54 for the hire of the Hall and £233 for cleaning. Interest of £7.42 had been received. At this point Cllr. Ms Barrowman queried whether the Parish Council had agreed to fund the village hall cleaning on a permanent or only temporary basis, and the Clerk was asked to request an overview of the current financial situation from the VHMC Treasurer. It was decided to table the setting of the precept for the next meeting.

The closing balances were therefore:-

High Interest Account
[of which £22173.14 is the Flood Defence Fund]
Current Account

36597.13

490.20

Damaged Lamp Posts in Saxton Lane

The Clerk had contacted Warden Moore over the lamp posts, and read out an email she had received in reply, to the effect that in the electrician's opinion the lamp posts in Scarthingwell Crescent and opposite Love Lane should be replaced with galvanised poles, the cost for which, including a 70w light and ground works, would be £1300. He advised also that he was attempting to source a replacement cover for the lamp post on Saxton Lane. The Clerk advised that she had telephoned to enquire over the cost of interrupting the supply of current during the works – which we had previously been advised would be very expensive – and was advised that if the lamps were on a timer as the electrician believed there would be no need for disconnection. The Clerk was instructed to ask for literature illustrating the poles Warden Moore had in mind, and to ask them to check that there would indeed be no requirement for the energy supplier to become involved.