

- Drainage The Chairman reported that it had been hoped to start work the following day, Wednesday the 10th July, but there would probably now be a delay over required road notices etc. He also reported that at a meeting he had had with the contractors, savings had been identified in that not all the work at first envisaged might necessarily be required when exploratory excavations were carried out. In particular the foundations of Ms Marshall's house required investigation. The work would be supervised by Cllr. Mr. Fairclough acting as project manager, by Mr. Waterhouse. and by the Chairman. In view of the foregoing it was clearly not possible for the contractors to give a fixed price, and the work would be undertaken on a day works basis. As proper officer, the Clerk advised that she considered this wholly appropriate. Concern was expressed over cost, and the Chairman advised that it was possible that a further £10,000 might be made available through the good offices of Howard Ferguson, personal assistant to our MP. Finally, the Chairman advised that investigative work to the drain from Village Farm House was also included.
- Acquisition of Sandbags The Clerk advised that she had contacted Selby District Council but been told that these would only be supplied in emergency, and not to have in reserve. She had subsequently enquired over commercial availability of sandbags, and circulated the Council with the result. She was now asked to contact Simon Parkinson personally with the request.
- Ownership of Land in Scarthingwell Park Cllr. Ms Marshall volunteered to pursue this at the Archive in Wakefield.
- Scarecrow Festival This had been a huge success, and £1306 had been raised, to be divided between the church and the Village Hall. There was a vote of thanks to Cllr. Ms Barrowman for all her hard work.
- Damaged Lamp Posts in Saxton Lane The electrician had been unable to obtain the lamps originally chosen by the Parish Council and had made several other suggestions. He was awaiting a decision.
- Contract of Employment Parish Council Clerk Though the Clerk had emailed the amended contract to Parish Council members, for whatever reason it had failed to arrive. The item was tabled for the next meeting
- Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman, should, by means of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency
- Cllr. Ms Barrowman advised that up to £2000 funding could be made available via the source of the playground funding, for activities on the village green. The school had been consulted, and the children wanted a play bus; the teachers favoured activities on the green with a Tudor theme.
- The Clerk had been approached over the untidy long grass in the south of the churchyard, behind the Greyhound, and was asked to contact the PCC Treasurer in the first instance to investigate what could be done.
- Complaint was made that the footpath between Dam Lane and Cold Hill was being used as a bridle path, and this item was tabled for the next meeting.
- Dates of Next Meetings These were already set for Tuesdays 13th August and 17th September 2013.