

- Drainage Cllr. Ms Marshall reported that she had cleared out several grippes along the length of Main Street to allow the flood water to flow across the verge and into the dyke. Cllr. Mr. Fairclough would investigate the ongoing maintenance. Maintenance was also required to the verge outside The Cottage, but this was awaiting confirmation from Northern Gas that the pipe across the dyke at this site was indeed a gas pipe. It was noted that there was now a need for more sandbags.
- Willow Tree to Plough House The Clerk advised that she had been approached by the owner of Plough House who expressed concern that the roots of the willow tree just to the north had invaded his cellar. It was agreed that this was an important tree in the village, which should be maintained, and it was decided that the Clerk would inspect the cellar, along with a tree surgeon, with a view to possibly providing a root barrier, and would report back to the next meeting.
- Ownership of Land in Scarthingwell Park Cllr. Ms Marshall had not yet been able to undertake this research and the item was tabled for the next meeting.
- Proposed Reductions to Bus Service Subsidy A letter had been received from North Yorkshire County Council outlining various proposed bus service subsidies, and the Clerk had put this on the noticeboard.
- Damaged Lamp Posts In Saxton Lane It was acknowledged that the electrician was awaiting instructions over the preferred lamps, and Cllr. Mr. Fairclough offered to contact the street lighting department at North Yorkshire County Council in an effort to locate a match to those already in use in the village. He would advise as soon as possible. It was again reported that the light at the end of Scarthingwell Crescent was not working, and the Clerk would contact the electrician.
- Contract of Employment Parish Council Clerk This would be discussed at the end of the 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 the school governors were proposing to apply for permission for a temporary building on the grassed area beyond the playground. The Parish Council would have sight of the application in due course.
- Ms Barrowman also advised that the money raised via the scarecrow festival had been distributed, shared equally between the Village Hall and the church. Cllr. Mr. Fairclough suggested the VHMC might consider spending their share on a contribution to double doors on the east side of the Hall, which would enable the outside area to be used.
- Lastly, Ms Barrowman confirmed that her father, the owner of land along Dam Lane, was open to suggestion over confining run-off, and Mr. Fairclough would follow up this matter.
- Cllr. Mr. Fairclough brought to the attention of the meeting that the Asda bus is no longer in use by any resident of Saxton and that even though it collects no passengers from the village it is being driven in such a way as to cause damage to the verges. The Clerk was instructed to write to Asda requesting withdrawal of the service.
- Date of Next Meeting This was already set for Tuesday 17th September 2013.