

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL
TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2013**

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Present

Mr. B. Wilson Mr. G. Fairclough
Ms. C. Barrowman Ms J Marshall
Mrs E Hodgson

Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mr. Dennison, who was unable to attend due to illness.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were signed as a true record.

Street Lighting

There was one member of the public present, who wished to ask a question over street lighting;; the Chairman therefore brought this item to the fore. Mrs. Lynda Simpson, the resident of 11 Scarthingwell Crescent, was concerned that the lighting post outside her house had been removed. Cllr. Mrs. Hodgson reported on the situation regarding replacement of this and of the other three lights to be replaced. The electrician employed by the Parish Council had confirmed that he would start work imminently, and Mrs. Hodgson would monitor the situation.

Cladding of Houses in Saxton Lane and Scarthingwell Crescent

Since Mrs Simpson was a resident personally affected by this, the Chairman discussed the item now, and précised the situation as existing at present, It was noted that the Leader of Selby District Council, Cllr. Mark Crane, whose personal intervention had been sought, had declined even to attend a meeting, but had replied summarily and, it was thought, inconsiderately. The Clerk was instructed to respond, politely agreeing with Mr. Crane's insistence that the work was necessary and overdue, but pointing out at the same time that Saxton village was predominantly stone and drawing his attention again to the petition to elicit public opinion over this matter. Cllr. Ms. Marshall made the point that halting the work could inconvenience and distress those residents affected, and the Clerk was further instructed to emphasise this point to Mr. Crane.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Traffic calming – Cllr. Ms Barrowman reported that Gary Lumb still insisted that a light at a height of 6 metres would be required, though still of a low wattage to match the existing village street lighting, and she agreed to discuss this personally with the residents of Saxton Farm, outside whose property the lamp would be situated. It was envisaged that the lamp now at the end of Hungate Close would be removed. The cost remained £10500 and the school was still willing to pay half. North Yorkshire would meet the cost of the necessary road closure during construction and for the required consultations. It was further noted that the ramp envisaged would help in holding flood water back; the work could be put out to tender, but only to contractors approved by North Yorkshire County Council.

Re-charge from Walsh to Northern Gas – Cllr. Ms Marshall reported that Northern Gas had agreed to this, though no payment had yet been received; she would monitor the situation.

HS2 Route – the Clerk confirmed she had written as instructed.

Christmas tree – this was now erected. The Chairman reported he had been asked by various members of the public about the possibility of Christmas lights in Saxton similar to those at Towton, and whilst this was not generally approved, consideration would be given to trees in the village being decorated next Christmas, perhaps as an alternative to the obtaining of a Christmas tree. The matter would be broached with Peter Jesty, a church warden. The usual contribution of £100 towards the extra cost of lighting was approved, and £100 arrears was also to be given, though the Clerk was instructed to clarify to the PCC Treasurer that the annual contribution remained at £100.