

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL
TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2014

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Present

Mr. G. Fairclough Mr. B. Wilson
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 business commitments.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were signed as a true record.

Attendance by
Cllr. Mark Crane, Leader
Selby District Council

This was in an attempt to finalise the vexed question of the materials to be used in the cladding of the houses, Minuted previously. The former Parish Council Chairman, Mathew Spencer, summarised the situation to the present, and Mr. Crane was asked to justify why brick cladding had been specified in a predominantly stone village. It was demonstrated that there had been positive dialogue involving the Parish Council and Dave Maycock for the District Council, until without explanation there had been an about face, and we had been advised that no further consideration would be given to our request, notwithstanding a site meeting with Dave Maycock, Matthew Spencer and Glen Fairclough, the present Parish Council Chairman, at which samples of stone cladding had been presented and been shown to be cheaper than the brick alternative.

It was brought to Mr. Crane's attention that the Parish Council had no record of having been consulted initially on the application, though there were notices posted in the neighbourhood, also that the approvals did not include the usual conditions relating to times of deliveries, etc. Mr. Crane made the point that some of the semi-detached properties were in dual ownership, which gave rise to the question of how to deal with the half not belonging to the Council.

The residents themselves were keen that the work move forward, and Mr. Crane had had correspondence to this effect; he confirmed that the cladding would reduce energy consumption, also that the delay was in no way due to any action taken by the Parish Council. He was concerned that if the specification were to be changed at this stage a new application would be required, and further delay would ensue. Both Mr Spencer and the Chairman assured Mr. Crane that a minor modification only would be needed.

After further discussion, Mr. Crane agreed in principle to the change, and would liaise with the relevant department/s at the District Council, while Mr. Spencer would take the necessary steps at this end; this part of the meeting ended on a very positive note.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Traffic calming – Cllr. Ms Barrowman reported that she had visited the immediate neighbours at Saxton Farm to explain the situation, and they had raised no objection, but asked for more information.. It was also noted that Gary Lumb required a further site visit before he would be able to provide a specification.

Charge to Northern Gas for work carried out by Walsh Brothers and initially paid for by the Parish Council – the Treasurer reported that a bank statement was due, and Cllr. Ms Marshall would chase if the payment had not been received.

Planning in the Parish

Application for extensions to Headwell Farm – this had been approved.
Application for extensions to Athelstan House – this has been refused.
The Clerk would email both notices to members.

Finance

The Treasurer presented the financial report as follows:-

High Interest Account	30783.37
Current Account	222.93