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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL THURSDAY 8 MAY 2014

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Present

Mr. G. Fairclough Mrs. E. Hodgson

Mr. B. Wilson Ms J Marshall

Ms C. Barrowman

Members of the public

Election of Chairman

Cllr.Mr. Fairclough was proposed by Cllr. Mrs Hodgson, and this was seconded by Cllrs Ms Marshall and Mr. Wilson

Apologies for Absence

Cllr. Mr. Denison did not attend the meeting and no apologies had been received.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting These were signed as a true record. A request from a member of the public that they be read aloud was turned down, the Clerk pointing out that approval was required from Parish Councillors and not the public. It is noted that several members of school staff were present.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Traffic calming – The Chairman remarked that it would be better to postpone the whole question of the speed platform for a month or two until feelings in the village are not running quite so high. Cllr.Ms Barrowman pointed out that the £5K we had returned to the school was now no longer available since the funds would have come out of the previous year's budget. At this point there was disturbance from the public, and Cllr. Ms Marshall asked for calm, pointing out that this was not a public meeting, but a Parish Council meeting OPEN to the public, and whilst it is the practice of Saxton Parish Council to allow the public to speak, it is a facility that this Parish Council allows, and the public was asked to bear in mind that it is a meeting held in public, not a public meeting; these are the rules. The Chairman added that whilst the public are normally welcome to express their views, they are not allowed to hijack the meeting. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to Gary Lumb advising that the matter of the speeding platform is in abeyance for the present. Ms Barrowman advised that the quotation for lighting in this regard, also the building quotation from DBH, were still extant. The quotation to install power for the lighting column is still with the Small Works Department at Northern Power and Warden Moore's quotation to install the power is still awaited. The Chairman reminded the meeting that the matter of the threat that the presence of the platform might exacerbate the flooding to the cellar of School Farm, Dam Lane, owned by Mr. Todd, was still to address, and that the cost of this must be factored into the final overall figure.

Finally, it should be noted that whilst the reportage is representative of the opinions expressed, it has not been possible to record every single disturbance/objection in detail.

Grass cutting – North Yorkshire County Council had advised that they intended to withdraw the contribution hitherto made towards the urban grass cutting in the village. It was observed that an initial cut was urgently needed, and the Clerk was asked to organise this. It was further observed that many residents had already cut the grass verges either outside or opposite their own properties. Inasmuch as the Village Green is still in the ownership of Selby District Council, it was assumed that they would continue to cut that grass.

Finance

The Treasurer presented the financial report as follows:-

High Interest Account	28783.37
Current Account	1074.24

Payments had been made as follows:-

1 & 1 Internet charges	64.68
Ornate Iron Company	900.00
Selby District Council for provision of dog bi	231.84
Y.L.C.A.	261.00
C.P.R.F.	36.00