

Play Area at Saxton Village Green – letter from S.D.C.

This was tabled for the next meeting

Planning in the Parish

- a. Application for extension and alteration to Park House, Scarthingwell Park – this has been approved.
- b. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use as Class D1 (non residential institution) by Saxton C of E Primary School – this has been formally withdrawn.

Speed Platform

It was agreed that before any further action is taken in this regard, a letter must go to every house in the village seeking residents' opinion of the installation of a speed bump. The Clerk would draft the letter. Confirmation would also be sought from the school of their willingness to meet 50% of the total cost of the installation if it does go ahead. Cllr. Ms Barrowman advised that Northern Powergrid's quotation had been confirmed at £9582. However, the Chairman pointed out that the speed bump would exacerbate the risk of flooding to the cellar of Mr. Todd at School Farm, Dam Lane and that a 6" or 8" gripper would be required around each cellar top. The cost of this was estimated to be some £750, and the Chairman therefore suggested a realistic total figure would be in the region of £11000. There was dissension from the public over the need for a speed platform at all, and particularly one sited outside the school, given that traffic was already slowed at that point by parked cars.

Considerable discussion followed over traffic control in Saxton, and it was generally felt that ideally, enforcement would be preferable over an engineered solution. The Parish Council said it was more than willing to try again with the police, notwithstanding their lack of co-operation in the past, and the Clerk would in the first instance contact the local constabulary, and speak with the community inspector. The Clerk was also instructed to re-visit the question of a slip road east bound to the A64, which it was felt would help to lessen the volume of traffic through the village. It was pointed out that the 30 mph sign in Cotchers Lane was in need of repair.

Contribution from Northern Powergrid

Cllr Ms Marshall had suggested that in view of the acknowledged deleterious effect Northern Powergrid's works had had on the flooding in the village, they might be persuaded to make a contribution to village funds, and they had donated £1000 towards Village Hall maintenance

Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman, should, by means of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency

£1000 was voted to Saxton in Bloom for September onwards planting, and it was decided to obtain quotations for the work of digging out the dyke, and to this end the Clerk would provide the Chairman with a plan of the village.

The question of reinstatement of the hedges was also raised

Dates of Future Meetings

These were set for Thursdays 18th September and 23rd October 2014.

Clerk's Salary

The public was asked to leave before this item was discussed, and the Clerk left the meeting also. It was decided to raise the Clerk's salary to £2000.