

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL
THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2014**

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Present

Mr. G. Fairclough Mr. B. Wilson
Ms C. Barrowman Ms J Marshall

Members of the public

Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllr. Mrs. Hodgson. No apology had been received from Cllr Mr Dennison

Minutes of the Previous

These were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a. Formal ratification of decisions taken between meetings; these decisions were recorded but would now be formally ratified for the avoidance of doubt. They are:
- To reply to Nigel Adams' (MP) letter to the Chairman, and to request the attendance at this meeting of his assistant, Howard Ferguson, in an attempt to reinstate the drainage works to Saxton Lane.
 - To respond to Amanda Oakley's Freedom of Information request.
- b. Willow trees outside Plough House – two quotations had been received, Azure Tree Services would remove both willow trees for £650, and the dead tree in the playing area for £150. D.C.G.Tree Services had quoted £780 for the willow trees, and £200 for the tree on the green. The Parish Council decided to appoint Azure Tree Services. It was also decided to ask Peter Snowden to replace the willows, and a sum of £500 was voted for this purpose.
- c. Speed platform – as instructed, the Clerk had consulted the local constabulary over the possibility of an enforced rather than an engineered solution to the speeding problem. A constable had visited the Clerk's house, and a further speed survey would be undertaken to Dam Lane. For this reason the Clerk had not proceeded with the flyer, but was now asked to do so.

Planning in the Parish

- a. Application for demolition of existing derelict L-shaped agricultural barn and erection of 1 No. detached two-storey residential dwelling within the farmstead at Headwell Farm, Headwell Lane, Saxton. The Parish Council objected to this, and the Clerk was instructed to inform the District Council.

Finance

The Treasurer presented the financial report as follows:-

High Interest Account	30797.35
Current Account	524.00

Payments had been made as follows:-

PDG UK	357.00
Azure Tree Services	90.00
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust	50.00
H. Readman	2000.00
Warden Moore	75.00

Approval was given to pay £105.36 Clerk's expenses, £72 to the Village Hall for rent, and £526.20 to the Saxton in Bloom group. In her capacity as Acting Treasurer to the Village Hall Management Committee, Cllr Ms Marshall formally asked the PC Treasurer to audit the VHMC accounts, and he agreed to do so.