

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL
THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2015**

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<u>Present</u>	Mr. G. Fairclough Ms C. Barrowman Mr G. Westmoreland	Mr. B. Wilson Ms J Marshall
	10 Members of the public	
<u>Apologies for Absence</u>	Received from Cllr. Mr. M. Dennison	
<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u>	These were signed as a true record.	
<u>Public Forum</u>	It was reported that there had been vandalism at the school, but it was later revealed that the damage was due to wind and storm.	
<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes</u>	<p>Questions to, and responses from, Chair of Board of School Governors – Karl Shields advised that the school had applied for a D1 classification for the land now in use as a playing field</p> <p>School bin store – assistance had been requested from the PCC. It was observed that any bin store would need to be stone built and roofed. No satisfactory conclusion had been reached.</p> <p>Update on Complaints Committee – Cllr Ms Marshall presented the final report on behalf of the Committee. She reminded councillors that they had delegated the dealing of complaints to the Committee and their decision was final. The report had been distributed to those involved in the complaint, to the parish council and to the Monitoring Officer of Selby District Council, and the Y.L.C.A. which had provided information and advice. Both had replied and Y.L.C.A had commended the Committee for an excellent and comprehensive report which demonstrated that the Committee had taken its task seriously and approached it with objectivity. The Committee upheld the complaint against the Council.</p> <p>In April 2014 Cllr. Ms Clare Barrowman was requested not to attend the meeting at which a discussion was due to take place about a matter in which it was believed she had a pecuniary interest.</p> <p>That request was made in good faith based on advice given at the time. The Parish Council therefore wishes to apologise to Cllr Ms Clare Barrowman for the misunderstanding.</p> <p>At this point in the meeting the Clerk made a statement which included the implications of regularising her contract position (which she had requested in 20i13), specifically the financial implications to the Council.</p> <p>Cllr Ms Marshall continued with the presentation of the report, stating that there were some items such as minutes on which the Council had already taken action. She put forward the following 13 recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Council acknowledges that Cllr Barrowman should not have been excluded from the April meeting and should therefore minute an apology.2. All councillors to receive mandatory training in the role of a Parish Councillor. Y.L.C.A. and Selby District Council Monitoring Officer have offered to assist with bespoke training.3. The Council adopts the model set of standing orders and financial regulations as produced by N.A.L.C.4. All decisions of the Council should be taken at properly convened meeting; only where a matter is both urgent and uncontroversial can a decision be made outside of such a meeting. This decision should then be ratified and recorded at the next parish council meeting.	