

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL  
TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2015

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Present

Mr. G. Fairclough                      Mr. B. Wilson  
Mrs M. Wass                              Ms J Marshall  
Mr G. Westmoreland                      Mr N Warnes

2 Members of the public

Minutes of the Previous  
3 Meetings

These were signed as a true record.

Public Forum

Enquiry was made over drainage in Saxton Lane, but there had been no progress, and the item would be discussed fully later in the agenda. The member of the public making the enquiry left.

Matters Arising from the  
Minutes

Report from the Chairman and Cllr. Mrs Wass on the provision of electronic speed (VAS) signs – the proposed sites are Headwell Lane and outside 32 Dam Lane in the raised verge. The signs would be in place for 6 weeks 3 times a year and the cost of 2 signs for 4 years is £4400 + VAT, which includes installation and rotation of the signs. Deferred interest free payment was available for one year. Available dates were the 21st July or 24th August, and it was decided that the latter was preferable. Local residents would be consulted by letter. The cost for one sign only would be £3500, and it was agreed two signs would be more cost effective. Lastly, enquiry would be made about the optional covert gathering of data by the VAS mechanism, and it was agreed that if this did not exceed £1K, it would be included.

To consider present and future grass cutting arrangements – the Clerk was instructed to accept DBH quotation in the sum of £230 + VAT for the present cutting need. DBH had also presented a quotation of £320 + VAT for chippings and a membrane to the front of the Village Hall, together with £2250 for tarmacing, digging out and hard coring the area to the south of the Hall; these latter were approved in principle, though the Clerk was instructed to go back to DBH to clarify his price for the tarmacing. Future arrangements were still under consideration

The Clerk's contract of employment – this was deferred until later in the meeting, and would be a confidential item.

To progress further the outstanding drainage question on Saxton Lane – the Clerk was asked to write further to Andrew Lee and our MP. It was reported that there had been a further drainage CCTV, when an operative from Dynorod attended and recommended the use of a "crawler". However, it was decided this was too costly. The County Council would be asked to clean the pipe from the corner of Cotchers to outside Stray View, since the CCTV had revealed it to be full of soil.

To receive the Clerk's report on the training day – this would be considered together with the contract of employment.

To progress the rectification of the street lights which are constantly lit – it had been reported by Northern Powergrid that the proscum in the Main Street substation is broken, and a repair was promised. It was not clear whether there would be any cost to the PC but up to £200 was agreed if required.

To report progress on rectification of S.D.C. Council tax error – a letter had been received repudiating responsibility. The Clerk was instructed to follow up the matter further with Karen Iveson Head of Finance.

Finance

The Treasurer presented the financial report as follows:-

High Interest Account	22309.94
Current Account	398.15