

**PARISH MEETING MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL
TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2015 7-30 P.M.**

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Present

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

6 Members of the public
County Councillor Andrew Lee
District Councillors Richard Musgrave and Keith Ellis

Minutes of the 2014
Parish Meeting

These had already been signed as a true record.

Matters Arising from the
Minutes

Annual cycle race – this matter had been raised in the interim, and a reply was awaited regarding which was the club involved in the cycle racing through the village. The matter would be followed up.

Traffic diversion through the village – concern was again expressed over the level of traffic through the village; it was explained that drivers of articulated lorries would follow the instructions issued by their sat nav, and find themselves unable to reverse out of narrow roads. The Clerk would follow up the matter.

HS2 route – there was nothing further to report other than that the route had not yet been finalised.

Saxton in Bloom – appreciation was expressed of the wildflower turf positioned at Plough Corner, and more would be provided.

Chairman's Annual Report – the Chairman commented it had been an eventful and busy year, and there was much business to be dealt with later in the evening.

Open Discussion

Joan Richardson asked when the promised new litter bin on the B.1217 and the dog waste bin in Scarthingwell would be installed; the Clerk had chased repeatedly, and installation was now promised for the week commencing the 6th August.

Stephen Edwards referred to an email he had earlier sent to the County Councillor expressing his dismay at the lack of progress over drainage work, and asking whose was the overall responsibility for flooding/drainage. It was explained that the Parish Council has no power to deal with flooding, only drainage, and that the County Council has responsibility for flooding. The Chairman explained the current position at great length, which in summary is that work for which the Parish Council has the agreement of Highways at the staggered crossroads would exacerbate the problem further along Saxton Lane. This is known to Highways. Cllr. Lee agreed to intervene on the Parish Council's behalf, and would liaise directly both with John Hodgson at Highways, and with the Chairman, in an attempt to make real progress.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.