

Approval of Highways, and the Chairman pursued the question why were we not allowed to proceed. It was established that all sewage pipes from dwellings in Saxton Lane cross the dyke. It was also pointed out that the bund and sump in Cold Hill were not being maintained. Given that permission has been consistently withheld by North Yorkshire Highways, it was resolved that responsibility must devolve upon them, and Andrew Lee undertook to discuss with John Hodgson again on the following day, with a view to resolving the problem once and for all. In addition the Chairman undertook to contact Mrs Pick to request ongoing maintenance of Quarry Bridge.

Sandbags – Simon Parkinson from Selby District Council was in attendance, and agreed to supply sandbags to the village, for which a formal agreement was required, which would be forwarded to the Clerk. The point was made that new Saxton residents had been advised by Selby District Council that it was responsible for the dyke outside their property – contrary to the previously held belief in riparian ownership.

To consider present and future grass cutting arrangements – it was resolved to accept the existing quotation of £340 for grass cutting, and the Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements. In addition the Clerk would seek quotations regarding the trees on the Woodland Walk which overhang the road and are in need of pruning. Mr. Barrowman, in whose ownership are those trees back from the Walk and on his land, was asked for his input, and agreed to get back to the Parish Council with his decision.

To delegate certain decisions to the Clerk – this was agreed, in line with Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972

The Clerk's contract of employment – this was approved and signed by the Clerk and the Chairman.

To report progress on rectification of S.D.C. Council tax error – in Cllr. Mr. Musgrave's absence, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

To receive a report from Cllr. Mr. Warnes over cycle racing through the village – the British Board of Cycling has overall responsibility for the running of events, and there was distinct improvement over marshalling. Future events would be notified well in advance.

Planning in the Parish

Application for extensions to 26 Saxton Lane – in principle the Parish Council was not opposed to this, though the Clerk was instructed to ask that the materials used should match those existing.

To discuss the Saxton Conservation Area

Cllr Mr Westmoreland expressed concern that Selby District Council do not seem to take the conservation status seriously, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Chief Executive drawing particular attention to the infilling of open space in the village.

To consider provision of Christmas Lights

An email had been received from the PCC giving permission for lights in the churchyard, though with certain conditions. These, along with the church floodlighting, are to be turned on during the first week in December. Cllr. Mrs. Wass to follow up.

Extra item

Cllr. Mr. Warnes announced his resignation from the Parish Council, also requested from Cllr. Mr. Westmoreland a copy of the most recent P D & G report.

Dates of Next Meetings

These were set for Tuesdays 13th October and 17th November 2015