

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL
TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER 2015 : POSTPONED FROM THE 13 OCTOBER

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Present

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

County Councillor Andrew Lee
5 members of the public

Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllr. Mr. Westmoreland, who had a prior engagement

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

With two amendments these were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

To consider the provision of Christmas lights, also the offer to donate a Christmas tree made by Beverley Heselden Cllr Ms Marshall advised that the vicar had requested a meeting with the Clerk and Chairman. It was resolved to accept the quotation from Warden Moore in the sum of £1750 for the new lighting, and the Clerk would confirm to the electrician

To progress further the outstanding drainage question on Saxton Lane, together with moving the electricity cables underground – Northern Powergrid are proposing to put their cables underground or to bring the main line down Cotchers. It is hoped to take advantage of the necessary excavations to create a bund in the field behind Saxton Court. It was established that Richard Bayston farmed the field in question, and initially the approach to him would come from the Clerk. Steven Edwards confirmed that the farmer was in favour of the idea. Also Cllr. Mr. Lee had spoken with John Hodgson, who was in agreement with the Parish Council installing a pipe of greater capacity, and would help in any way he could. The Clerk would initially contact DBH to check whether their earlier quote remained extant.

To consider the quotation from Azure Tree Services for pruning and crown lifting trees on Dam Lane, also whether the Parish Council has powers to act – no quotation had yet been received. Also, concern was expressed that the PC might be exceeding its powers because it can find no record that land is in its ownership. The Clerk was instructed to seek the view of the Y.L.C.A.

To report progress on rectification of S.D.C. Council Tax error – again Cllr. Musgrave was not present, but Cllr. Lee reported that progress was being made and it was believed that there might be a rebate to come.

Planning in the Parish

Application for extensions to 26 Saxton Lane – this had been approved, including the condition requested by the Parish Council that the materials used should match those existing.

Application for lawful development certificate for existing use as single dwelling house at the Old Stables, Wakefield Road, Saxton – the Parish Council had no objection to this.

Application for D1 status for playing field by Saxton School – Cllr. Ms Marshall had attended and spoken on the Parish Council's behalf, as did Cllr. Lee. The application had been approved by a majority of 10 to 1, notwithstanding the planning officer's recommendation for refusal and over 30 written objections from the public. The final discussion was held in camera. The item was tabled for the next meeting, by which time the official notice will have been received.

Finance

The Treasurer presented the financial report as follows:-

High Interest Account	26313.81
Current Account	304.69

Payments had been made as follows:-

YLCA training session	180.00
Clerk expenses	97.66