

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL
TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2015**

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Present

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

6 members of the public

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were signed as a true record.

Public Forum

The Chairman brought this matter to the fore. The effectiveness of the VAS sign was called into question, and it was explained that at first the equipment was not working properly. The Parish Council has tried repeatedly to have the police monitor speeding in the village but with no success.

The next item of public concern was drainage; the Chairman explained the work that had already been done, also that a price was awaited for work to remove and replace the crossings on the south side of Saxton Lane. An enquiry from the resident of Village Farm House, Jeremy Scriven, was aired; water cannot discharge from his property into the stone culvert beneath Main Street because it is blocked and a relief pipe is needed. The Chairman would follow this up.

Finally, there was a complaint over parking in Saxton Lane, but it was pointed out that the highway is legally available.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

To receive report from Chairman regarding drainage work to Saxton Lane – it was considered that this item had already been covered under Public Forum. One aspect of the work, however, is that extra water is now arriving at the Picks' land beyond the A162, and the Chairman suggested that the Parish Council offer to help by funding a small land drainage scheme. It was considered that this could be a power available under the General Power of Competence Section 137, and initially the Chairman would engage the Pick family in discussion. It was pointed out that the dyke in Main Street is already silting up again, and the Clerk advised that she is attempting to have NYCC take responsibility for a regular dredging. Also, permanent grippes across the verge to the west of the dyke in Main Street are needed, and the Clerk is to investigate their installation. There was still no positive result to the attempt to have Yorkshire Water admit responsibility for the waste from Nos 32 and 34 Saxton Lane, notwithstanding that Cllr. Ms Marshall has evidence that this is in fact a sewer in YW's ownership Ms Marshall would contact Metrorod. Later in the meeting – but in this category – our County Councillor, Andrew Lee, attended; he was able to advise that he would contact Mark Young with regard to the failed culvert in Main Street, in which connection he also was trying to have Yorkshire Water admit responsibility, and that he was already pursuing the question of the maintenance of the dyke in Main Street. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks for Cllr. Mr. Lee's help and intervention.

To report any progress over moving electricity cables underground – there was nothing to report and the item was tabled for the next meeting

Finance

The Treasurer presented the financial report as follows:-

High Interest Account	28817.43
Current Account	656.99

Payments had been made as follows:-

Dave Bailey-Hague, dyke clearance	1140.00
Clerk expenses	115.64
Smiths of Derby, church clock maintenance	229.20
H. Readman, October salary	693.06
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HMRC PAYE October	173.20