

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL  
TUESDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2016**

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Present

Mr. G. Fairclough                      Mr. B. Wilson  
Mr. G. Westmoreland                  Mr. C. Cook  
Ms J. Marshall

1 member of the public  
District Councillor Keith Ellis  
County Councillor Andrew Lee

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were signed as a true record.

Additional Note

Cllr. Ms Marshall reported that in 1951/52 Tadcaster Rural District Council culverted the dyke outside what is now 32 and 34 Saxton Lane due to the smell of sewage which was disturbing the residents of the new council houses. This proves that in the past the dykes and culverts had been used for transportation of sewage. Ms Marshall is continuing her research at the Archives in Northallerton to try to obtain more evidence. It was agreed that Yorkshire Water would be approached again regarding ownership. It was agreed also that Ms Marshall would approach Metrorod with regard to more investigation into the damaged culvert in the west side of Main Street.

Matters Arising

To ratify the decision to proceed with the work to the playground – it was decided that the quotation included for items not considered necessary – painting the gate, for instance, and the Clerk would meet with the Chairman the following day to discuss the quoted items at further length, after which the Clerk was instructed to contact RSS Playmakers to amend the instruction.

Finance

Before the Treasurer presented his financial report, Cllr. Ms Marshall produced a draft budget, and urged caution that the £18000 precepted might be insufficient to meet future fiscal needs. It was agreed to discuss and confirm budget at the next meeting. Finally, it was agreed to donate £3280 to the VHMC to enable them to finish the work to the hall, on the condition that this is the final donation.

The Treasurer then presented the financial report as follows:-

High Interest Account	20207.97
Current Account	1127.61

Payments had been made as follows:-

Blakeys for drainage work	11744.40
DBH repairs to birdsmouth fencing	210.00
PKF Littlejohn audit	192.00
Herbert Todd electrical certification	180.00
P D & G professional services (contra to income)	593.16
Saxton VHMC hall hire	262.50
Saxton VHMC donation	1500.00

Approval was given to pay £270 including VAT to RSS Playmakers for the playground inspection, the Clerk's salary for December and January of 2 x £693.06 – also to approve the Clerk's salary for February and March, so that payment may be made on time. Approval was also given to pay £60 to Moulds & Co. for the payroll fee and hmrc £173.20 PAYE. Two new signatories were appointed on the bank, Cllrs. Mr. Westmoreland and Mr. Cook. Donations of £140 had been received, and this was towards the P.D & g invoice as above. £14000 had been transferred from the interest earning to the current account.