

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL  
TUESDAY 17 MAY 2016**

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Present

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

1 member of the public

Election of Chairman for  
the Forthcoming Year

Cllr. Mr Fairclough was proposed by Cllr. Mr.Wilson, and seconded by Cllr. Ms Marshall

To Appoint Treasurer for  
the Forthcoming Year

Cllr. Mr. Wilson agreed to continue as Treasurer

Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllr. Mr. Westmoreland

Minutes of the Previous  
Meeting

These were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

To receive the Clerk's report over further action taken with regard to the drainage in Hungate Close – Yorkshire Water had been requested to attend regularly to clean these drains, but had declined on grounds of cost. The Clerk had been assured that necessary cleaning visits would continue upon request.

To receive the Chair's report on quotations sought with regard to, and to decide upon, future drainage work in the village – the Chair was still awaiting quotations, and would continue to chase.

To receive Clerk's report over action taken with regard to the VAS contract – our request to be released from the contract had been granted.; the Clerk had also asked Darren Griffiths for advice over the ongoing speeding problem. It was noted that our County Councillor, Andrew Lee, had been instrumental in a trial where the public was encouraged to take registration numbers of speeding vehicles and report them to the police, and the Clerk was asked to follow this up.

To receive Clerk's report over progress re registration of the Woodland Walk as a village green – the Clerk had followed up the matter with the solicitor, but there was no progress to date. She would continue to monitor.

To finalise the Annual Return – the Treasurer brought this fully to the attention of the Council and received approval. It was countersigned by both the Chairman and Clerk, and would be sent to the auditor. The security systems in place were considered to be adequate. The decision would be Minuted on page **493**.

To receive Clerk's report on progress with regard to the Transparency Fund – an email had been received from YLCA, which the Clerk would forward to the Council; the next deadline for applications was the 9th June, with further dates of the 14th July, 11th August and 15th September.

To receive Clerk's report over safety checks on playground equipment and goalposts on the village green – it was decided to continue with this on a fortnightly basis, in addition, it was confirmed it was necessary also to keep on with the RSS annual inspection; the Clerk was asked to obtain designs and prices for replacing the seat on the corner of Saxton Lane and Scarthingwell Crescent and circulate to councillors.

It was pointed out that the light over the church entrance in Main Street is out as is the one halfway up the church path. The Clerk would liaise with Cllr. Mr. Westmoreland in this regard.

Finance

The Treasurer presented the financial report as follows:-

High Interest Account	1822.95
Current Account	438.04

Payments had been made as follows:-

Warden Moore	78.00
H Readman, Clerk's salary	268.91
H Readman expenses	107.07
1 & 1 Internet webhosting	21.56

Approval was given to pay npower £253.30 for street lighting, NYCC £1400.40 for the VAS sign, Moulds & Co. £36 for payslip processing, David Varley £10 for the play equipment inspection and £103.15 Clerk's expenses. One half of the precept, being £12000, had been received. The question of the agreed donation to the Cricket Club was raised, and the Clerk was instructed to follow up with the Club the undertaking required from them that the donation is to be used exclusively for work to the groundsman's hut. The Treasurer reported that he was presently completing the VAT return

The closing balances were therefore:-

High Interest Account	13822.95
Current Account	-37.50

Public Forum

A member of the VHMC was present, who outlined the current situation over improvements/repairs to the Village Hall, also forthcoming events. In addition the question of grass cutting in the village was raised, and the Clerk would pursue the matter.

To Consider Action to be  
Taken over Complaint  
Received from Dorothy  
Barker over Tree Roots

The Chairman reported that he had attempted to make contact with Miss Barker, and that he would continue to try.

To Place the Insurance  
for the Forthcoming Year

This would be placed with our current insurers

Planning in the Parish

- To consider whether further action should be taken over the D1 application – the Clerk was instructed to make further enquiry via P D & G, and not to exceed a fee of £500.
- Revised application for internal alterations and new rear extension following demolition of existing attached garage at The Forge, Main Street, Saxton – this had been approved
- Application for single storey front and rear extensions etc. at Hollyfield, Milner Lane, Saxton – there was no objection to this

To Consider Programme  
of Work 2016/2017

The meeting was reminded that there were a number of matters outstanding for discussion, including the following: Welcome to Saxton signs, which it was felt would both enhance the village and cause traffic to slow down. Discussion followed over possibly themeing these signs to pick up on elements of village history. It was again pointed out that footpaths around the village had literally been lost, overgrown in some cases, and Cllr. Ms Marshall would email details to the Clerk to enable her to follow the matter up. In addition, the Clerk was asked once again to request "Access Only" traffic signs at the access roads to Saxton.

Date of next meeting

Cllr. Mr. Westmoreland was having difficulty attending Tuesday evening meetings, and the date of the next meeting was therefore changed from the 21st June to the 16th June 2016; the first half hour of this meeting would be the Annual Parish Meeting