

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL
THURSDAY 16 JUNE 2016**

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Present

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

5 members of the public
County Councillor Andrew Lee – whose input is recorded under Public Forum

Apologies for Absence

Received from Cllr. Mr. Cook

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were signed as a true record.

Matters Arising

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. Also on the subject of drainage, Cllr. Ms Marshall brought to the attention of the meeting that Tadcaster RDC records for 1903 included a report showing that the Medical officer of Health had declared the local water supply not fit for consumption; covering in the dyke had been suggested, but people objected, and a tank was to be constructed between Headwell Lane and Coldhill Lane to store fresh water. If the tops are taken off the drainage systems there – the manhole covers being very deep – fresh water can be seen, and this could explain the fresh water surge down Headwell Lane and Coldhill Lane in times of flood.

To consider whether to take further action over the D1 application – the Clerk reported advice received from P D & G that there was little chance of a challenge succeeding, advice confirmed by email circulated to the members, and it was decided to take no further action.

To receive Clerk's report over progress re registration of the Woodland Walk as a village green – the solicitor had requested an Ordnance Survey map of the area, showing the Woodland Walk distinctively coloured; Cllr. Mrs. Marshall insisted that one had already been provided, and the Clerk was instructed to advise the solicitor of this.

To receive Clerk's report on progress with regard to the Transparency Fund – it was decided not to pursue this matter further

To receive Chair's report over complaint received from Miss Dorothy Barker regarding tree roots – the Chairman had contacted Miss Barker, and ascertained that tree in question is not owned by her, nor by the Parish Council, though she does own the wall. It was suggested that it could still belong to the builder. On behalf of the PC the Chair had undertaken that the tree would be trimmed during the coming winter.

To receive report from Cllr. Mr. Westmoreland over street lighting – Paul Ward has repaired the lights which were not working; he is able to replace the missing post, and has been in touch with Keith Taylor of Northern Powergrid regarding payment for this. It was emphasised that the replacement must be timber, to match the existing, and it was decided to incorporate a power point to enable Christmas lighting. It was noted that this is the second lamp on the Crescent that has been taken away. Mr. Westmoreland to go back to Paul for prices for sockets on all lamp posts, and to review and possibly replace the other lamp posts on Scarthingwell Crescent.

To receive Chair's observations over response by Cricket Club to donation conditions – the Chairman still requires clarification and confirmation that the monies are limited to, and will only be used for, the roof structure and finish, and that therefore the donation should be postponed for the present.

To ratify decision to join Fields in Trust, proposed by Cllr. Mrs. Marshall – this was carried unanimously, and the Clerk advised that the subscription was £50

Public Forum

County Councillor Andrew Lee gave Richard Musgrave's apologies for absence, and advised that Mr. Musgrave, our District Councillor, was still following up the question of the council tax mistake.

Cllr. Lee also undertook to liaise with Mark Young over further assistance for Saxton, acknowledging that the work already undertaken along Saxton Lane and elsewhere to the dyke, had had very positive results, particularly during the recent heavy rain. There had been several issues raised over time with the flood team at NYCC, but with no response. Cllr. Lee agreed to follow up.

Concern was expressed both that the traffic signs for Saxton that had been promised by Mr. Chris Makin of Leeds East Airport had not materialised, also that it was rumoured that a garden city for the site was mooted. The resulting increase in traffic through Saxton was a major concern, and Cllr. Lee promised to look into all of this, and keep the Parish Council informed. It was observed that the latest AIRFEST had been cancelled.

Finance

The Treasurer presented the financial report as follows:-

High Interest Account	13822.95
Current Account	-37.50

Payments had been made as follows:-

David Varley, playground inspection	10.00
H Readman, Clerk's salary	268.91
H Readman expenses	103.15
Bank charges	15.00
nPower street lighting	253.30
NYCC VAS sign	1400.40
Aon insurance	440.09

Approval was given to pay David Varley £20 for two play equipment inspections, Paul Ward £107 + £21.40 VAT for work to the street lighting, YLCA membership fee of £274, Steve Parkin £140 for grass cutting, £50 membership fee to Fields in Trust and £73.21 Clerk's expenses, which included reimbursement of expenses paid to a volunteer. £3000 had been transferred from the interest earning to the current account. The Treasurer reported that he was still waiting to hear from hmrc regarding the VAT return, and would continue to chase. The Treasurer had brought the bank statements to the meeting and, as part of internal control, these were verified to the balances he was reporting to the meeting.

The closing balances were therefore:-

High Interest Account	10822.95
Current Account	435.65

To decide whether to
Replace or Repair
Damaged Seat on the
Corner of Saxton Lane
and Scarthingwell Crescent

It was decided to replace the seat, and to make the choice by email, subject to funding.

To Report Progress
over Sherburn Library

Cllr. Ms Marshall reported that there was now an active management committee, with a seat on the Board of Trustees (which covers both the library and Old School project) for Sherburn Parish Council. The County Council is wanting volunteers to take over management of the library, while at the same time insisting upon a great deal of paperwork. A donation may be requested from this Parish Council...

To Report Progress
over 3g Pitch at
Sherburn High School

Planning permission had been obtained for a 3g pitch at Sherburn High School, also a large grant applied for had been obtained. Agreement had been reached with the District Council that they will make a monetary contribution, since it will provide a community leisure centre based at the High School, since it will provide community leisure facilities based at the High School, and the hope is to expand this into a community leisure centre..

To Discuss Further
Information regarding
Village Hall Constitution

The Parish Council had asked YLCA for further advice, but this had not so far been received

To Consider the Updated
Complaints Report and
Training of Councillors
and Clerk by YLCA

Cllr. Ms Marshall indicated that it was six months since the review of the recommendations of the complaints report and hence discussion untimely. Cllrs. Mr. Westmoreland and Mr. Cook had not received training, and the Chairman declined to be training. It was noted that the YLCA offered a schedule of courses, but it was considered that bespoke training could be preferable in this case, and the question was therefore tabled for the next meeting.

Planning in the Parish

- a. Proposed single storey front and rear extensions, garage extended with new pitched roof to replace existing, new first floor windows to front elevation and porch to front at Hollyfield, Milner Lane – permission granted.

To Consider Programme
of Work 2016/2017

The Clerk had contacted NYCC as instructed, but as yet had no response. The meeting was reminded that members were to look at possible signs. There were concerns that the signs could be too urban, and a public consultation would be held after a provisional scheme was drawn up

Date of next meeting

This was fixed for Thursday the 14th July 2016.