

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL
THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2016**

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Present

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

District Councillor Keith Ellis
1 member of the public
Apologies from County Councillor Andrew Lee and District Councillor Richard Musgrave

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were signed as a true record.

Co-option of New Parish Council Member

Mrs Joan Richardson was formally co-opted onto the Council.

Matters Arising

To receive progress report and further proposals and suggestions from volunteer gardening group – it was reported that generally the work was on target, and the group had found further volunteers from among residents. Cllr. Mrs. Richardson had written to Richard Bayston thanking him for his involvement. A proposal for a replacement oak cladding for the pump in the pump yard on the east side of Main Street had been put forward by Andy Leadsford in the sum of £600, and this was accepted. Mrs Richardson would investigate a request from a member of the public to fell the tree by the village green. The Clerk would send a thank-you letter to the gardening group.

To receive Chair's further report on transfer of title of Village Hall from the Parish Council to the Village Hall Management Committee – the Chairman reported that the solicitor involved, Simon Rounding, was monitoring the situation, and that the position now was that should any future Village Hall Management Committee wish to sell the Hall and/or the land it occupies, there would have to be a public meeting before such action could take place. Once this stricture is incorporated into the new Constitution, the transfer will take place.

To receive Chair's report on quotations sought with regard to, and to decide upon, future drainage work in the village, also clearing of the dyke – the Chairman is still chasing Blakey's, and it was suggested that an alternative quote be obtained from DBH. Meanwhile, a quote had been obtained for clearing the dyke in Main Street, but this was challenged by the Chairman since it was the same price as the previous year, whilst there was less work this time. Asked why Blakeys were nominated, the Chairman explained that this company was preferred by Highways.

Also within this heading, Cllr. Ms Marshall reported that she had attended the NYCC Selby Area Committee and made representations re flooding – which she thought had been well received – and traffic through the village. She had three minutes only to speak, but Cllr. Mr. Andrew who was chairing the meeting was able to expand on the points. The Divisional Highways Engineer had stated that the parish council should write to him regarding the traffic, and he would reply. She had also observed John Hodgson taking Paul Tweed of the NYCC flood team, also the new highways engineer, around the village. She had had a short discussion with them and John Hodgson had explained that he was showing them flooding hotspots in the area. She would actively follow up the issues..

To receive Clerk's further report over Cricket Club donation – the donation of £3000 has been made, and formal acknowledgement in line with Section 137A of the Local Government Act 2003 requested from the recipient.

To receive Cllr. Ms Marshall's further report over progress re Woodland Walk – this item is now with the solicitor, Simon Rounding; all the necessary letters are written, and we await progress.