

To Consider Budget for  
Forthcoming Year

This was tabled for the next meeting

To Receive Report on  
Meeting with Paul Tweed  
NYCC

Paul was escorted around Saxton and was made aware of all of our problems including the blocked drains. He expressed particular surprise at the size of the fields, and pointed out that soil loss from arable fields should be reported to the Environment Agency, also that a photographic record should be kept to build up a picture over time. Cllr. Ms Marshall asked for a camera to be put down the damaged stone culvert along the west side of Main Street, and was surprised to be told that Yorkshire Water would not approve of this, since NYCC's mapping system shows this culvert as a foul sewer. Ms Marshall will follow this up, since if the culvert is designated a foul sewer – either now or in the past – the responsibility for its maintenance will be that of Yorkshire Water. It was observed that the only camera of use in this context would be a tracked camera, anything else would become stuck.

Matters Arising  
From the Minutes

To receive progress report from volunteer gardening group – in effect the year's work was completed. Acknowledgment was made that Ruth and Duncan Porter had worked very hard, also Bruce Sanderson, in tidying the Woodland Walk. Emphasis was on conservation and maintenance, colour being provided by seasonal bulbs – 1000 daffodils – and native flowering plants. A photographic record was kept to identify future planting potential. The well on Headwell had been cleaned out and primroses planted. Cllr. Mrs Richardson would consult with Mr. Sanderson to ensure his agreement over trimming the shrubbery presently overhanging the church wall. It was again pointed out that the school's litter bins, left on the road, are a hazard, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the school again suggesting the provision of a permanent bin store.

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 – there was nothing further to report, and the item was tabled for the next meeting. The Chair was reminded that a figure was required before grant money could be applied for, and would definitely have this information for the next meeting. As an estimate, there are ten driveways in Saxton Lane, each of which will cost £5K to take out and replace in order that a larger pipe be installed beneath – a total of some £50K. The Clerk had a quotation of £220 plus VAT from DBH for cutting the hedge along the east side of Main Street, and this was acceptable.

To receive Clerk's update on monetary contribution towards cost of replacement seat for the corner of Saxton Lane and Scarthingwell Crescent – nothing further had been heard since the submission of the formal funding application.

To receive update on long-standing council tax mistake in connection with Lakeside Approach – in the absence of Cllr. Richard Musgrave, his colleague Cllr. Keith Ellis reported he had made the request received a distinctly lukewarm reception from SDC. They have, however, intimated that as a gesture of goodwill they might be prepared to contribute towards a specific project. The Chair passed on the PC's thanks, and assured Cllr. Ellis we would be in touch with details of a specific project.

To receive report on meeting regarding stopping up of junction of Dam Lane and Wakerfield Road – the Chair and Cllr. Ms Marshall met with Glen Donaldson of NYCC who, they felt, was very negative in his approach. There was agreement that the Parish Council would undertake traffic volume counts, also that Mr. Donaldson would invite Andrew Lee to a meeting with his superiors. The PC Chairman is of the opinion that if the timings of the traffic lights at the main crossroads in Sherburn were to be altered this would have a positive effect in lessening the volume of traffic coming through Saxton. The Clerk was asked to write to Sherburn Parish Council for their help and support, and would consult with the Chairman in regard to the letter.

To receive Cllr. Mrs Richardson's report on progress over Community Speedwatch – A meeting of volunteers, and the item was tabled for the next meeting.