

assistance. Councillors Richard Musgrave and Andrew Lee asked whether we had any drawings in support of the work, and the Chairman replied that we do have a report, but that the provision of drawing/s would add some £5,000 to the promulgated cost. The point was made that SDC does have a responsibility to those houses in Saxton Lane still in its ownership. Andrew Lee undertook to consult with John Hodgson, retained in a consultancy capacity by Highways. Also, agreement would need to be reached with the Pick family over the now inadequate surcharge pipe serving the bridge on the north side of Saxton Lane.

The Chairman addressed the concerns of Cllr. Ms Marshall regarding the proposed work to connect the Village Farm House drains directly into the dyke, as she felt that this had the potential to connect the fields beyond Village Farm House into the dyke, which would worsen the position of her properties and those of her neighbours. Ms Marshall reported that she was still working with Paul Tweed (Flood Risk Management Project Engineer, NYCC) re the blocked western culvert to try and have it surveyed via a camera. Paul Tweed was in discussion with Yorkshire Water, who had again stated that they had no responsibility for this culvert. Ms Marshall's research in the Tadcaster Rural District Council records had revealed that it was described as the former sewer. Paul Tweed was also meeting with the Environment Agency regarding soil coming off the land, and Ms Marshall repeated what he had advised – that we must report all incidents of soil coming off the land the dyke running with mud to the Environment Agency, via its website. Otherwise it will not be seen as a problem; photographs would be helpful.

To receive Cllr. Mrs Richardson's update on village gardening group activity – Mrs Richardson had met with David Varley and obtained his quotation in the sum of £90 for trimming the overgrown shrubs and ivies to the road side of the church wall at the crossroads. Given that Bruce Sanderson planted these initially, it will be confirmed with him that he has no objection to the work. The Clerk was instructed to contact Northern Powergrid to ask them to remove two large telegraph poles from the village green by the substation, and to ask them to ensure that in the future they remove all traces of rubbish caused by work they undertake, failing which the Council will instruct the work, and charge the cost to them. Also, the gardeners would plant some tubs of tête-a-tête daffodils to infill any gaps appearing in the spring. Mr and Mrs Porter had volunteered to maintain the area around the telephone kiosk, but the grass in the rest of the village will be cut commercially as and when decided by the gardening group.

To receive Clerk's update on grant application for contribution towards cost of replacement seat for the corner of Saxton Lane and Scarthingwell Crescent, also purchase of strimmer – Andrew Lee advised there had been no progress, but he would chase

To receive Clerk's report on school litter bins – these large size wheelie bins remain on the road and are both an eyesore and dangerous. The contractors emptying them will not go up to the school, and despite the PC's repeatedly suggesting the provision of a dedicated bin store next to school entrance, no action has been taken. Cllr. Lee undertook to speak with Highways on our behalf.

To receive report on stopping up of junction of Dam Lane and Wakefeld Road – to further pursue this, Andrew Lee had sent the Clerk documentation for completion, but this had failed to arrive, and he would re-send. The Chairman had spoken with Paul Doherty, Chair of Sherburn Parish Council, but he was against the idea of changing the timings on the traffic lights at the Sherburn crossroads from their current 24 seconds east/west and 40 seconds north/south. It was noted that permission had