

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL
TUESDAY 2 MAY 2017**

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Present

Mr. G. Fairclough Mrs J Richardson
Mr. G. Westmoreland Ms J. Marshall

1 member of the public
Apologies from District Councillor Keith Ellis
Apologies from District Councillor Richard Musgrave
Apologies from County Councillor Andrew Lee
Apologies from Parish Cllr. Mr. C. Cook
Apologies from Parish Cllr. Mr. B. Wilson

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were signed as a true record.

Finance

In the absence of the Treasurer his financial report had been circulated to members and was as follows:

High Interest Account	6326.09
Current Account	976.90

Payments had been made as follows:-

J. Marshall expenses	30.53
Gardens by David playground inspections	20.00
Moulds + Co. payroll	72.00
YLCA membership subscription	278.00
H. Readman March salary	271.27
H. Readman expenses	202.90
1 & 1 Internet webhosting	21.56

Approval was given to pay £470 + £94 VAT to PKF Littlejohn, external auditors, £990 + £198 VAT to David Ogilvie Engineering for the new seat, £295 to David Varley for playground inspections and gardening work in the village, and the Clerk's April salary (figure needed please, Brian – never know whether it is £271.47 or £271.27) The figure for the Clerk's expenses was unavailable, and would be reimbursed at the following meeting. The invoice from Warden Moore for electrical work was disputed in that the work was not yet finished, and payment held over until completion. £1500 in grant money had been received from NYCC.

The closing balances were therefore:-

High Interest Account	7826.68
Current Account	80.64

Planning in the Parish

The owners of the building site at Pear Tree Farm, Andy and Lucy Shuter, were in attendance, and the Chairman now dealt with this item. Mr. Shuter explained that the current situation was not to his liking, nor in accordance with his instruction. He felt that decisions had been made without his knowledge, and was horrified in particular to see the gable windows which would have overlooked Cllr. Mr. Westmoreland's premises, which windows would not now be inserted. He had discontinued the involvement of Pearce Bottomley over the new build. Mr. Shuter retained ownership of the plot, and had met with the Chief Planning Officer at Selby in an attempt to rectify the situation. He declared that both he and Mrs Shuter were particularly dismayed at the reception of the residents of Saxton to the plans, given that they intended to live in the converted barn to the west of the plot, and hoped to do so in harmony with the community. It was acknowledged that work had begun in breach of Condition 8, and this had now stopped. Mr. Shuter agreed that conservation roof lights would be incorporated, fixed at the back, opening at the front, the ridge height would not be increased, and in fact attempt would be made to lower the height of the building to pavement level. Stone would be used