

thereby causing traffic to slow down, or whether to cut it in the interests of neatness. Whether to continue to employ David Varley or to rely more on volunteers was put to the vote, and it was agreed to employ David Varley, whom the Clerk would telephone over his reliability.

To receive Cllr. Mrs Richardson's report on progress over Community Speedwatch – a discussion had been had with Nigel Drayton, NYCC officer, who accepted that there is a problem in Saxton, but offered little help in connection with it. They refuse to move the 30mph further out of the village, nor will they reduce the limit to 20mph.

To receive any further information from Cllr. Ms Marshall over public rights of way consultation – there was nothing further to report, though Ms Marshall was still pursuing the matter, and would keep the Clerk copied in on correspondence.

To receive report from Cllr. Mr. Westmoreland over lighting work to the village – brackets are being made and will be replaced. Warden Moore will send quotes through for Christmas lights on Saxton Lane.

Extra Item

The Clerk was instructed to find out when the annual playground inspection was due.

To Receive Cllr. Mrs. Richardson's Report on Forthcoming Cycle Race in the Village

There was to be a cycle race in Saxton on Saturday the 19th August; Five races are planned for 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1-2 p.m. Great concern was expressed at the disruption this would cause, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the organisers to check that parking had been reserved at the Cricket Club, that a proper risk assessment had been undertaken, that insurance was in place, also to point out that it is felt that the village is too small to accommodate an event of this nature – whilst we do not object to cycle races in moderation, we do feel that it is not reasonable for the village to be taken over for almost the entire day. Cllr. Mr. Cook offered to draft the letter. The cycling club had advised that they hoped to tie in with a barbecue to raise funds for charity, but Humphrey Smith had discontinued these at the Greyhound.

To Receive Comments From Cllr. Ms Marshall on Reporting Matters to Police and Highways

A regular response to the PC's attempts to remedy the problems is that the matter had not previously been reported, and it was now recommended that every matter of concern – no matter how small – should be reported to the relevant authority. These would include potholes, damage to verges, infringement of the HGV prohibition through the village, drains not working properly. We would then have evidence on which to base our complaints and requests for rectification. The police would be asked to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

To Receive Report on Meeting with Archdeacon re Lighting in Churchyard

This is Minuted at pages 527 and 528. It was noted that if a public body (the PC) provides lighting on private land (in this case glebe lands) it risks losing its right to an unmetered supply, and for this reason it was decided to discontinue the supply of current to the light on the church path; Cllr. Ms Marshall would contact the Archdeacon to this effect.

Planning in the Parish

- a. Proposed demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2 No. dwelling houses at Stonecroft Milner Lane, Saxton 8/67/76C/PA – revised application not yet received
- b. Application to vary conditions of approval to new detached house and garage at Pear Tree Farm, Main Street, Saxton – revised application not yet received.
- c. Proposed change of use and external alteration to the barn to a single dwelling house at Pear Tree Farm, Main Street, Saxton – whilst it was accepted that permission was already in place for the barn conversion, concern was expressed over the possibility that the barn would be demolished and rebuilt. Since the site was in green belt and outside the village boundary, the Parish Council feels it must object on principle. It was felt that the plans were confusing and contradictory in detail, and the Clerk was instructed to write asking for clarity, also to say that a meeting with the planner would be welcomed.

Date of next meeting

This was set for Tuesday the 18th July 2017