

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SAXTON VILLAGE HALL
TUESDAY 18TH JULY 2017**

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Present

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

County Councillor Mr. Andrew Lee
District Councillors Mr. Richard Musgrave and Mr. Keith Ellis
4 members of the public were in attendance

Apologies for Absence

Received from Parish Councillor Mr. Brian Wilson

Minutes of the Previous
Two Meetings

These were signed as true records.

Discussions with Officers
from North Yorkshire
Police regarding Speed
and flow of traffic
through Saxton

P.C. Liz Hartley and P.C. Adam Woods, who had been invited specifically to discuss with the Parish Council the problems of traffic in the village, introduced themselves. The Chair expanded on our concerns – roads are narrow, many with passing places, and the numbers now using the village as a rat run were huge, and increasing, as was the speed. The Speedwatch volunteer group had clocked 82 cars in one half hour 5-30 to 6.00 p.m. – which group was also seeking a reversal of the refusal to permit it to undertake a survey on Headwell Lane; the reason given for this interdiction was there was no safe place from which to operate, but in fact there were demonstrably several. It was pointed out that the volume of traffic now going through Saxton is affecting the quality of life of residents. Many people sleep on the side of their house facing the road, and the traffic noise begins very early in the morning, very often in line with the shift pattern/s of the industrial estate at Sherburn. The question was asked again why was the speed limit not reduced from 30mph to 20mph; we have repeatedly been told that this is national policy, but in direct contradiction is the fact that District Councillor Richard Musgrave lives within the Selby District, and the speed limit in his village is 20mph. We are as a community encouraged to report every contravention noticed, and to this end Cllr. Mrs Richardson had printed off a supply of 95 ALIVE forms for completion. The police officers explained that it was not possible to stop traffic using the village roads as a thoroughfare, and the Chair reminded them that we had asked many times over the years for their intervention, coming reluctantly to the conclusion that they were just not willing to help; engineered solutions had been offered, but these are not compatible with farm traffic, nor are effective chicanes. After much further discussion it was agreed that a marked police vehicle, with a speed gun, would be sited on Headwell Lane the following Wednesday and Thursday, the 26th and 27th July 2017, at 5-30 to 6-00 p.m. and it was felt that this would be a genuine deterrent.

Also discussed was the increase in traffic flow due to the ongoing and expanding development, both domestic and commercial, in Sherburn – especially given that staff are largely recruited from West Yorkshire – and the Chair again highlighted a suggestion he had made several times in the past of a link road running from London Road/A162 roundabout, the proposed link road to run west from the Stream Lane junction on the roundabout across to Cold Hill Lane, thereby easing the traffic flow through Sherburn as well as directing it away from Saxton. This question would be pursued on our behalf by Andrew Lee with Julia Mulligan, the Police Commissioner, to whose attention would also be brought the noise, nuisance and distress, supposedly actionable under Section 59. In addition, the Parish Council would also write to Ms Mulligan, and the Clerk would liaise with the Chair in this regard. Cllr. Mr. Lee advised that the promulgated stopping-up of Dam Lane was currently with his superior, and that he would chase the matter this week.

Finally, Cllrs. Andrew Lee, Keith Allis and Richard Musgrave offered to consider together our problem, and suggest possible remedial action

To Discuss Implications
of 19 August Cycle Races
in Saxton

Philip Makinson, Yorkshire Regional Championships Lead Organiser, AlbaRosa Cycling Club, was in attendance to discuss the cycling races programmed to take place in the village on the 19th August. They were prestigious Yorkshire Regional Championships, and it was intended to