
GRANTLEY, SAWLEY, SKELDING AND EAVESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

DATE: Tuesday 11th March 2014
TIME: 19.30 hrs
LOCATION: Grantley Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors John Scannell (Chairman), Trevor Kitchen, June Learoyd, Mike Lumb and Martin Soley.
IN ATTENDANCE: Iona Taylor (Clerk)
Howard Mountain.

1. WELCOME

Councillor Scannell welcomed all those present to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA – none.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS – none.

4. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Kirbitson who was unwell.

Apologies were also received from District and County Councillor Margaret Atkinson and from Ted Flexman.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 11th January 2014 were approved and signed.

6. ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM THE LAST MEETING

6.1 Maintenance of trees on Grantley Playing Field – no progress to be reported.

6.2 Ownership of common land.

Awaiting information from the Commons Registration Officer at North Yorkshire County Council.

7. PARKING ON SAWLEY VILLAGE GREEN

It was agreed that, prior to deciding whether to make an application to de-register the car park and track, the Parish Council should seek professional advice on the issues surrounding Sawley Village Green. It was therefore resolved that up to £1,000 from the Parish Room Proceeds fund be spent obtaining this advice. It was agreed that Councillor Scannell, who has professional expertise in this area, and the Clerk should seek quotations for obtaining the advice and proceed to instruct a specialist on behalf of the Council.

Councillor Kitchen reiterated his concerns that an area of registered Village Green is being used in connection with the holiday cottage business at Glebe Cottage.

8. LITTERBINS

It was noted that the emptying of litterbins is an ongoing problem across the Harrogate District. The bin near Grantley Playing Field is a particular problem.

It was agreed that DTMS Ltd should be asked to move it inside the Playing Field boundary and to empty it twice a month.

9. CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES

It was noted that, with effect from 1st April 2014, the 139 service will run on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays only. This information has been displayed on the Council's website.

10. HIGHWAYS

An updated fault report sheet was considered, including the following information:

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Issue</i>	<i>Update / Outcome</i>
G&S 4-12	Request for road narrows sign. Between Grantley and St. George's Court.	6/2/14 – All signage in this area (in both directions) is in accordance with Department for Transport guidance. No further action will be taken.

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G&S 1-13	Potholes near Horsleygate Farm, Low Grantley to B6265.	10/1/14 – orders raised for all actionable defects.
G&S 3-13	Condition of Lowgate Lane, Sawley.	21/1/14 - Temporary repairs not expected to last. Order raised for permanent repairs to actionable defects on 14/11/13. Unable to say when will be done, hopefully in next 8 weeks.
G&S 9-13	Erosion at side of road, Grantley to Risplith.	21/1/14 - no proposals for permanent repairs, but area will be regularly monitored.
G&S 1-14	Request for road narrows sign / HGV, Lowgate Lane junction near Fountains.	6/2/14 - HNY advised that signage is appropriate, but looked at wrong end of lane. 7/3/14 - Asked to review whether further signage is required at Fountains end.

11. PARISH CARETAKER

11.1 Tasks to be undertaken.

- Regular emptying of litterbin in Grantley Playing Field.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on items received, including:

12.1 Julian Smith MP

The dates of Mr Smith's forthcoming surgeries in this area have been received and are now displayed on the Council's website.

12.2 Waste & Recycling Collection Service – Easter schedule of collections.

It was noted that the collection which would usually take place on Thursday 17th April will now happen on Wednesday 16th. The normal collection on Thursday 24th April will now be on Friday 25th.

13. FINANCIALS

13.1 Financial report.

It was resolved that the following report be approved and recorded:

<i>Bank Balances as at 6/3/14:</i>	
HSBC Current a/c - ****9716	£368.11
HSBC Savings a/c - ****9208	£12,069.05
HSBC Parish Room Proceeds Current a/c - ****1839	£0.00
HSBC Parish Room Proceeds Savings a/c - ****1847	£14,507.44
HSBC Sawley Small Grants Scheme a/c - ****2224	£2,481.64
Santander Bond	£50,000.00
Skipton Interest on Bond	£2,365.86
Cambridge Building Society - Interest on Bond	£549.64
TOTAL	£82,341.74

<i>Payments to be approved and recorded:</i>		
<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	
Iona Taylor	Clerk - January 2014	£188.04
Iona Taylor	Clerk - February 2014	£73.39
Playscheme Ltd	Balance on Rubber Buffer	£72.00
Sawley Village Hall	Hall Hire on 16.1.14	£20.00
DTMS Ltd	Caretaker - Dec 13 & Jan 14 (Invoice 6019)	£367.50
DTMS Ltd	Caretaker, Feb 14 (Invoice 6108)	£144.00
TOTAL		£676.89

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<i>Receipts to be recorded:</i>		
<i>Received From</i>	<i>Details</i>	
Skipton Building Society	Interest on Bond	£1,138.25
TOTAL		£1,138.25

13.2 Internal Auditor for 2013/14.

It was resolved that Mr Place of Mallorie Court, Ripon be reappointed as the Council's Internal Auditor for the 2013/14 period. His charge for this service will be £45.

13.3 Parish Room Savings Bond.

The Clerk reported on difficulties in opening a bond account with Nationwide or Santander.

It was agreed that the Council should proceed to open a one-year bond account with Nationwide. This will yield 1.4%. The signatories on the account will be the Clerk and Councillors Scannell and Kirbitson.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

14.1 Consultations on applications.

14/00739/FUL - Installation of stone cladding and 3 garage doors, alterations to existing opening and re-roofing of garage at Hollin Hill Farm Risplith Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 3EY. It was agreed that the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

14.2 Comments on applications sent to Harrogate Borough Council since the last meeting – none.

14.3 Decisions and updates on applications, appeals and enforcement investigations.

It was noted that the Parish Council has reported the following issues to Harrogate Borough Council's Planning Enforcement Department:

- Use of field south of Millfield in Sawley for business purposes, including storage of containers and pallets.
- Alterations to High Skelding Farm, including demolition and replacement of barn.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meetings were confirmed as being on 15th May at 19.30 hrs in Sawley Village Hall.

16. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING

- It was agreed that an enquiry should be made of Superfast North Yorkshire as to whether the recently announced government funding to provide 100% of residential properties and businesses with superfast broadband by 2017 will benefit Grantley. It was agreed that representatives of Superfast North Yorkshire should be invited to attend the July Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.33 hrs.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Iona Taylor, Clerk to the Parish Council.

SIGNED: (Chairman)

DATE: