
GRANTLEY, SAWLEY, SKELDING AND EAVESTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE SAWLEY WARD, ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

DATE: Thursday 15th May 2014
TIME: 19.50 hrs
LOCATION: Sawley Village Hall
PRESENT: Parish Councillors Martin Kirbitson (Vice-Chairman), Stuart Green (Councillor from item 4 onwards), Trevor Kitchen, June Learoyd and Mike Lumb.
Iona Taylor (Clerk)
District and County Councillor Margaret Atkinson,
Christine Dent, Sandra Duff, Ted Flexman, Mike and Sandra Mason, Howard Mountain, Janet Watson and Jim Wigginton

1. WELCOME

In the absence of Councillor Scannell, Councillor Kirbitson welcomed all those present to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from John Scannell due to work commitments and from Martin Soley as he was away.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last Sawley Ward Annual Parish Meeting held on 16th May 2013 were approved and signed.

4. ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM THE LAST MEETING – none.

5. REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS 2013/14

Councillors

John Scannell (Chairman), Martin Kirbitson (Vice-Chairman), Trevor Kitchen, June Learoyd, Mike Lumb and Martin Soley have all served on the Council throughout the year.

There remains a vacancy for a Councillor to serve the Sawley ward.

Meetings

The Parish Council has met 6 times since the last Annual Parish Council meeting.

Planning

- The Parish Council has considered 8 planning applications throughout the year.
- Proposals have ranged from extending G&T's ice cream parlour to a wind turbine to extending Sawley Arms to alterations to a property and a new classroom at Fountains School.
- The Parish Council has also responded to consultations by Harrogate Borough Council on the Local Development Framework / Local Plan.

General

- The Parish Council has corresponded with Highways North Yorkshire about a number of problems on the road network in the parish. The economic climate at North Yorkshire County Council means that satisfactory resolutions are increasingly hard to come by.
- The Parish Council has continued to operate the Grantley & Sawley Oil Club which has 20 members and places orders every 6 weeks, and 4 weeks during winter. Positive feedback has been received from members, with some evidence of saving them up to £75 per fill.
- DTMS Ltd took up the post of parish caretaker in September 2013. They carry out 8 hours of maintenance work in the parish each month. They carry out routine tasks including inspection of the two play areas in the parish and maintenance of Picking Gill.
- DTMS Ltd have carried out clearance works on Back Lane in Grantley. The newly accessible route has been welcomed by the Parish Council and local residents.
- The Parish Council has agreed to engage specialist advice in respect of access and parking issues on Sawley Village Green. This will enable it to resolve ongoing questions and issues once and for all.
- The Parish Council continues to be interested in ensuring the provision of superfast broadband across the whole parish. Latest media reports indicate this aspiration could be fulfilled by 2017.

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- A new bus shelter and bus bay has been installed in Sawley. This was the culmination of a project lasting over 7 years.
- Works were carried out to the trees on Sawley Village Green.
- The Parish Council has responded to consultations on changes to bus services which resulted in the 139 bus only running on Monday, Thursdays and Saturdays from April 2014.
- The Parish Council continues to support the work of Ripon Citizens Advice Bureau and the Friends of the Nidderdale AONB.

6. PARISH COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS – none.

7. UPDATE ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PARISH ROOM PROCEEDS

After community consultation trail equipment, funded by the Parish Room Proceeds, has been installed on Sawley Village Green. This was at a cost of £13,654.90.

Sawley Church Clock has been overhauled and now strikes again.

There were no applications made to the Sawley Small Grants Scheme during the year.

The total of parish room proceeds (held in both long and short term investments) currently stands at £136,360.56.

8. QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The issue of access across Sawley Village Green was raised by representatives of Sawley Village Hall, concerned that access to the hall could be restricted.

Parish Councillors gave assurances that this was not the case, but that the Parish Council is seeking legal advice to ensure that it understands all the issues surrounding access over and to properties from, the Green.

Information from Sawley Village Hall representatives indicated that the hall has a right of access over the Village Green. Documentation confirming this will be forwarded to the Parish Council and taken in to account during future discussions.

Meeting closed at 20.11 hrs.

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

SIGNED: (Chairman)

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