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

DATE: Tuesday 26th May 2015
TIME: 19.30 hrs
LOCATION: Sawley Village Hall
PRESENT: Parish Councillors John Scannell (Chairman), Martin Kirbitson (Vice-Chairman), Stuart Green, Trevor Kitchen, June Learoyd and Mike Lumb.
IN ATTENDANCE: Iona Taylor (Clerk)
Howard Mountain

1. WELCOME

Councillor Kirbitson welcomed all those present to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillor Green declared an interest in planning application 6.51.111.OUT 15/01681/OUT as he knows the applicant.

3. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS – none.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR STATEMENTS – none.

5. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Soley due to illness.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 24th March 2015 were approved and signed.

7. ITEMS CARRIED FORWARD FROM THE LAST MEETING

7.1 Phone kiosks.

It was noted that, despite the recent promotion to encourage the adoption of kiosks by local communities, BT currently has no plans to decommission or remove any existing, operational kiosks.

8. SAWLEY VILLAGE GREEN

8.1 Minutes of Sawley Village Hall Management Committee meeting held on 14th April 2015.

Extracts from the minutes of the above meeting had been supplied to the Parish Council prior to this meeting. The following points were noted:

- The sawley.org website has now been changed to reflect the fact that Sawley Village Green is owned by the Parish Council and as such permission must be sought from the Parish Council to hold events on the Green.
- The Committee has agreed that the Village Hall will not provide insurance cover to hirers to use land not under the Village Hall's control.

8.2 Policy for use of the Village Green for events.

It was agreed that a revised policy be approved by the Parish Council. The Policy will be circulated to Councillors for their information and prior to being signed by the Chair at the next meeting. It will also be sent to Sawley Village Hall and the organisers of weddings who have already contacted the Parish Council.

The policy contains the following provisions:

- A requirement for the Parish Council to be informed of events at least 14 days before and a form to enable organisers to do this.
- The wording provided by the Parish Council's insurers.
- Information about how event organisers can obtain their own insurance.

9. TRANSPARENCY CODE FOR SMALLER AUTHORITIES

It was noted that this Code came in to force on 1st April 2015. The Clerk outlined the main changes that the Council will need to make to ensure that it complies with the new regulations.

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10. SAWLEY RECYCLING AREA

Harrogate Borough Council has advised that, despite new signage, there had still been problems emptying the paper recycling container due to brown cardboard being placed in the bin. As this was an on-going issue and residents in the area are able to recycle paper and thin card using the fortnightly kerbside service, Harrogate Borough Council had made the decision to remove the bin.

It was agreed that the resulting space should be offered to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance who are looking for locations at which to site textile recycling containers.

11. PARISH ROOM PROCEEDS

11.1 Sawley Small Grants Scheme.

It was resolved that a grant of £200 be made towards Molly Gallagher from Risplith, to help fund her participation in a Girlguiding UK trip to Madagascar.

12. PARISH CARETAKER

12.1 Tasks to be undertaken.

- Repair to Lowgate Lane sign in Sawley.
- Painting of post box and phone kiosk in Grantley.
- Lubricating swings in Grantley.

12.2 Invoice 6884 from DTMS Ltd.

It was resolved that the above invoice be paid by internet banking.

DTMS will be asked to review the work they carried out to remove brambles at Sawley Moor Lane. It was felt that this had not been satisfactorily completed.

12.3 Grantley phone kiosk.

The Clerk reported that she is still liaising between BT and DTMS to reach an agreement about the re-painting of the kiosk.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported on items received, including:

13.1 Consultation on proposed reductions to bus subsidies.

Further announcements by the Government over future funding mean that North Yorkshire County Council now needs to find a further estimated savings of £75.9m between 2015 and 2019. The Integrated Passenger Transport Unit has therefore been asked to look at how it might reduce the amount of subsidy for local bus services to £1.5m every year from April 2016.

They have put together proposals which aim to make the best use of the funding available, to provide services which meet the day-to-day transport needs of local communities.

The current proposals do not indicate any changes to the services running through this parish, but can be found online at www.northyorks.gov.uk/bussubsidy

13.2 Community de-fibrillators.

Following the receipt of information from a company called AEDdonate, who are trying to help local communities get access to Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to combat the ever-rising number of cardiac arrests in the UK, it was agreed that the Clerk should make investigations into the possible provision of these machines in both Grantley and Sawley.

13.3 Break ins to sheds.

After a couple of break ins to local sheds, Ripon Police are reminding residents of the necessity of securing outbuildings with adequate locks. They also advise registering power tools on www.immobilise.com to make items easier to recover and less attractive to steal. Suspicious activity should be reported by ringing 101. If a crime is in progress the 999 number should be rung.

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13.4 Harrogate Borough Council's Small Grants Scheme.

Harrogate Borough Council currently has £51,000 available to allocate in small grants for 2015-16. This is the main annual small grants scheme available from the council, the previous Community Chest and Arts and Heritage grant funds have been subsumed into the one small grants scheme.

This small grant scheme will be accepting applications from 20th May 2015 with a closing date of the 16th July 2015, 12pm noon.

For more information about the small grants scheme please contact Fiona Friday Harrogate Borough Council, Corporate Affairs on 01423 556068 or by email at SmallGrants@harrogate.gov.uk.

14. FINANCIALS

14.1 Financial report.

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

<i>Bank Balances as at 1/5/15:</i>		
HSBC Current a/c - ****9716		£3,582.00
HSBC Savings a/c - ****9208		£12,935.83
HSBC Parish Room Proceeds Current a/c - ****1839		£24.56
HSBC Parish Room Proceeds Savings a/c - ****1847		£14,276.10
HSBC Sawley Small Grants Scheme a/c - ****2224		£2,732.02
Cambridge Building Society - Interest Accrued on 2 Year Council Bond		£810.04
Co-Operative Fixed Rate Account		£50,000.00
TOTAL		£84,360.55
<i>Payments to be approved and recorded:</i>		
<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	
Sawley Village Hall	Account Ref: 11-14/15	£40.00
Iona Taylor	Clerk's Wages, March 2015	£238.48
Iona Taylor	Clerk's Expenses, March 2015	£57.23
Iona Taylor	Clerk's Wages, April 2015	£37.94
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DTMS Ltd	Invoice 6707	£126.00
Grantley Village Hall	Replacement Cheque For 829	£35.00
DTMS Ltd	Invoice 6884	£403.50
Farm & Land Services	Grasscutting, Invoice 4258	£360.00
TOTAL		£1,271.20
<i>Receipts to be recorded:</i>		
<i>Received From</i>	<i>Details</i>	
HM Revenue & Customs	VAT, 1-12/14 - 31/3/15 (Applied For)	£188.00
Harrogate Borough Council	Precept, 1st Part	£3,029.00
Harrogate Borough Council	Council Tax Support Grant, 1st Part	£83.00
TOTAL		£3,300.00

14.2 Cheque to Grantley Village Hall.

It was noted that cheque 829, which had been paid to Grantley Village Hall in respect of November 2014 hall hire, had been incorrectly paid back in to the Council's bank account.

It was agreed that a replacement cheque be issued.

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15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

15.1 Consultations on applications.

The following applications were considered and responses agreed to the consultations being carried out by Harrogate Borough Council.

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Response to consultation.</i>
6.42.68.A.FUL 15/01339/FUL	Erection of porch (revised scheme) at White Rose Cottage, Low Grantley.	Objections as out of keeping and highway safety.
6.51.111.OUT 15/01681/OUT	Outline application for the erection of 1 new dwelling at Land Comprising OS Field 0880, Low Gate Lane, Sawley.	Parish Council unable to find policy grounds for objection, but local residents' concerns to be forwarded.
6.51.112.FUL 15/02127/FUL	Erection of detached garage with garden room at 2, The Cottage, Lowgate Lane, Sawley.	No objections.
6.51.110.B.FUL 15/02007/FUL	Retention of first floor extension, fenestration and clock tower to existing garage at Hollin Hill Farm, Risplith.	Objections as features out of keeping, is a new building and negative impact on landscape.
6.42.63.FUL 15/01738/FUL	Erection of agricultural building at Land Comprising OS Field 5242, Grantley.	No objections if determined that it's proportionate to size of holding.
6.51.16.C.DVCON 15/02161/DVCON	Variation of condition 18 (contamination) under planning permission 6.51.16.B.FUL to allow commencement of limited work prior to discharge of parts 1-4 of condition 18 at Yaudhouse Head Farm, Eavestone.	No objections.

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

<i>Reference</i>	<i>Proposal</i>	<i>Update / Decision</i>
Enforcement: 15/00112/PR15	Investigation in to following at Hollin Hill Farm, Risplith: 1. Garage block demolished & re-built rather than converted. 2. Accommodation over garage. 3. Erection of new stone building, behind ruin of old barn in adjacent field.	Planning application submitted (see above).
6.51.74.C.FUL 14/04890/FUL	Erection of agricultural workers dwelling and detached garage and formation of vehicular access (Revised scheme) at Hungate Farm, Risplith.	Passed

15.3 Local Green Spaces.

It was noted that no further suggestions for sites to be designated have been received. Applications will therefore be prepared for Grantley Playing Field and Picking Gill.

16. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was confirmed as being on 14th July 2015 at 19.30 hrs in Grantley Village Hall.

17. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT MEETING

- Tree inspection and maintenance policy.
- Picking Gill Boundary Wall.
- Registration of ownership of common land.
- Maintenance of track across Sawley Village Green.
- Demolition of sign at Bountain Hill.

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Meeting closed at 21.44 hrs.

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

SIGNED: (Chairman)

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