

GRANTLEY, SAWLEY, SKELDING & EAVESTONE  
PARISH COUNCIL  
INCLUDING THE VILLAGE OF RISPLITH.

**Minutes** of the **Regular Meeting** of Grantley and Sawley Parish Council  
held at Grantley Village Hall on  
Tuesday 14th November 2017 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr. M. Kirbitson (Chairman), Cllr. M. Lumb (Vice Chairman), Cllr. S. Learoyd, Cllr. J. Wigginton & Cllr. M. Smeedon

Also in attendance was David Taylor (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

- 2017 – 080      **Apologies** for absence were received from Cllr. J. Scannell, Cllr T. Kitchen & Cllr M. Atkinson
- 2017 – 081      There were no **Declarations of Interest**
- 2017 – 082      There were no **Requests for Dispensations**
- 2017 – 083      It was **resolved** that the **Minutes of the Meeting** held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were a true and correct record and were signed by Cllr Kirbitson accordingly.
- 2017– 084      It was **noted** that at the last meeting comments were made regarding the proposed Sugar Beet factory at Allerton Park. It was further noted that this proposal would have an effect on the landscape of the Parish area. The Clerk advised that as yet a planning application had not been made to Harrogate Borough Council, therefore any letters to the Council would be premature. At this stage, Parish Councillors should consider what comments, if any, they wish to make and draft a letter to be sent following an application being made.
- 2017 – 085      Papers and architect's plans had been circulated regarding proposals for works to St Michaels & All Angels Church, Sawley. It was therefore **noted** that these plans were yet to be finalised and that the Friends of Sawley Church – or any other connected body - were not in a position to make an application to the Sawley Grants Scheme.
- 2017 – 086      It was **resolved** that the Clerk should amend the current application form to the fund in order that it will accommodate applications to both the Capital and the Small Grants schemes.
- 2017 – 087      It was **noted** the Faculty permission will only be given when the plans are finalised and signed off.
- 2017 – 088      The Parish Council should, therefore, expect to receive an application to the fund in due course.
- 2017 - 089      Councillor Atkinson (North Yorkshire CC & Harrogate BC) had advised that she was unable to attend the meeting. Her apologies were received. She had emailed a report which is below at Appendix "A".
- 2017 - 090      Regarding the lane between Low Grantley and High Grantley:-
- a.      It was reported that the lane was in poor state with main issues being hedges in some parts of the road remaining uncut and hampering progress to users, especially when wet. Additionally, a build up of manure

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- and soil has made the use of the lane difficult, to say the least, especially in wet weather.
- b. It was further noted that the lane is used by local school students who catch the school bus and this was becoming difficult. The advantages for use by school students being that there are no footpaths or streetlamps on alternative routes for pedestrians.
  - c. It was noted that the lane had been cleaned up by DTMS upon the instruction of the Parish Council in 2013-14.
  - d. Hedge trimming is the responsibility of the land owner concerned.
- 2017 – 093 It was therefore **resolved** that:-
- a. The Clerk should write to North Yorkshire County Council and request that they write to the landowners concerned regarding the issue of hedge maintenance. The letter should also enquire about clearing the manure and mud from the road surface.
  - b. The Clerk should enquire of DTMS as to the costs of cutting the hedges and cleaning the lane surface.
- 2017 – 094 Regarding the 2018/2019 Budget:-
- 2017 – 095 The Clerk **reported** that he had drafted a preliminary budget but that it was by no means complete.
- 2017 – 096 It was **noted** that the main areas of activity that the Parish Council wished to focus on for the next financial year were:-
- a. Grass cutting
  - b. The play areas at Grantley and Sawley
  - c. Duties of the Parish Caretaker
- 2017 – 097 It was **resolved** that the Clerk should therefore:
- a. Investigate the position regarding the funding of grass cutting with both NYCC & HBC.
  - b. Investigate the future status of the caretaker scheme.
  - c. Allow sufficient funds to continue with the above priorities.
- 2017 - 097 The Parish Council **received** a report detailing the amount of commuted sums due from Harrogate Borough Council.
- 2017 – 098 It was **resolved** that the Clerk should:
- a. Find out from Harrogate Borough Council what the parameters are regarding the awarding of commuted sums. In particular is historical data concerning particular projects used.
  - b. Are these sums going to be available until the dates indicated on the spreadsheet.
  - c. What is the application procedure?
  - d. Confirm the entry regarding the property Woodhouse Farm Caravan Park at Winksley.
  - e. Confirm what sums have been used by the Parish Council in recent years.

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- 2017 – 099      A Bank Reconciliation was **received** from the Clerk.
- 2017 – 100      The Clerk **reported** that the Parish Council receives no funding from the ANOB.
- 2017 – 101      Information was **received** regarding the membership costs for the YLCA. It was **resolved** to continue with membership.
- 2017 – 101      The Parish Council **considered** the following planning applications:
- a.      17/04356/FUL, Lowgate Cottage, Sawley, Erection of Detached Garage, Mr/s Terry. It was **resolved** to reply with Option "A" – the Parish Council has no objections.
  - b.      17/04718/DVCON, Grantley Grange. Variation of condition. Mrs C Ash, It was **resolved** to reply with Option "A" – the Parish Council has no objections.
  - c.      17/04756/LB, East Lodge Grantley Hall. Removal of chimney and installation of additional window. Grantley Hall Hotel Ltd. It was **resolved** to reply with Option "A" – the Parish Council has no objections.
- 2017 – 102      The Parish Council **received and noted** the following planning notice 17/00726/FUL, Grange Fields, Grantley – Decision Notification.
- 2017 – 103      It was resolved to approve and pay the following accounts:-
- a.      Farm & Land Services
  - b.      New IT equipment to reimburse the Clerk.
- 2017 – 104      Having received only positive comments from Parish Councillors, it was **resolved** that the feedback questionnaire for DTMS would be completed by Cllr. Kirbitson.
- 2017 – 105      There were no matters forthcoming for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting
- 2017 – 106      It was **confirmed** that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- 2017 – 107      The meeting closed at 8.23pm.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by the Clerk, David Taylor.

Signed as a true record:

Chairman

Date:

At the Regular Meeting of the Grantley & Sawley Parish Council held on **16<sup>th</sup> January 2018** it was resolved by unanimous vote to approve these Minutes as a true and correct record, copies

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of which had been previously circulated to Members. These Minutes were then signed by the Chairman Cllr. Martin Kirbitson accordingly.

**The signed Minutes are held in the Parish Council minute book at the Clerk's address, above and can be viewed by prior appointment.**

Appendix "A"

"Harrogate Borough Council is up to speed with the new offices and our first Council Meeting to be held there is 13th December.

The properties that were sold made more than estimated so good finance all round.

The main issue at Harrogate is the Local Plan which is out to consultation - we at committee discuss it on Thursday and it goes to the next full Council in December then consultation again and hopefully to the Secretary of State in Spring.

We are getting dozens of e-mails objecting to different sites and especially the new village.

North Yorkshire County Council has agreed another £12m for phase 3 of broadband (plus £3.4m from Government and £1m from Europe). We are still hopefully on track for full coverage by 2020.

More money than ever is being spent on the roads but it is never enough but they are reacting quicker to complaints with parish clerks using the Parish Portal.

North Yorkshire have 280 students working and studying for degrees with North Yorkshire paying the university fees and the students working when not in lectures.

At present the big issues seem to be the fracking and the proposed sugar beet factory.

All the best to everyone for Christmas and the New Year.