

Newsletter

June 2013

SAWLEY TRAIL EQUIPMENT SCHEME

Thank you to everyone who came to Sawley Village Hall on 2nd March to give their opinion on providing play equipment on Sawley Village Green. 80% of people who came were in favour of providing this equipment. As this was the second public consultation with strong public support for the proposals **the Parish Council has agreed to proceed with a scheme** provided by Playforce (www.playforce.co.uk).

Some alterations have been made as a result of the feedback from the public so that everyone's favourite items have been included. The equipment will be located at the back, and along one side of the Green to minimise any impact. Taller items of equipment will be shielded by trees. **The final scheme is now on display on the noticeboard in Sawley – come and have a look to see what is going to be installed in July.**

The cost of the scheme is going to be £13,653.90. It is hoped that some grant funding can be obtained, but the Parish Room proceeds will be used to fund any deficit.

VACANCY ON COUNCIL

There is still a vacancy for another member on the Parish Council. The role takes about 2 hours a month (including bi-monthly meetings) and is interesting and varied. The Council is consulted on all planning applications, is responsible for two play areas, undertakes general maintenance in the parish, owns Picking Gill nature area and a whole lot more besides! There is lots of information available in the Good Councillors' Guide (available online). Contact the Clerk for more details or to apply to join the Council.

Margaret Atkinson from Kirkby Malzeard has been elected as this area's **County Councillor**. She can be contacted on 01765 658545 or by e-mailing mowbraypark@aol.com

The Council's **Annual Report** is now available to view on its website. Have a look to find out what your Parish Council was busy with in 2012/13.

SAWLEY SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

The Parish Council is once again inviting applications to the Small Grants Scheme from organisations and residents in the Sawley ward of the parish.

Grants can be used for a wide variety of purposes. Organisations should apply for funding for projects that will benefit the whole community. **Individuals can apply for up to £200 to help towards project, scheme or course costs that will enhance their educational, sporting or cultural advancement.**

More details are available online at www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/sawleygrantscheme or please contact the Clerk for a chat about how to apply.



GRANTLEY ROAD SURFACE

Thank have been expressed to North Yorkshire County Council and to former County Councillor Paul Richardson for his help in securing the recent resurfacing works near the centre junction.

The Walled Garden Scheme's contract as **Parish Caretaker** has been extended. Feedback on their work would be appreciated.



The Parish Council has objected to proposals for a 36m high **wind turbine** at Lumley Farm, Grantley.

PARISH ROOM PROCEEDS UPDATE

The total balance of the Parish Room Proceeds as at 31st March 2013 was £147,607.20, of which:

- £117,277.25 was invested in three separate bonds.
 - £3,670.62 is available for distribution through the Sawley Small Grants Scheme (see over).
 - £26,243.04 is for capital projects such as improving recreation provision and a new bus shelter.
 - £416.29 is being kept as a 'float' to cover any administrative costs.
- £3,066.37 of interest was earned during the 2012/13 financial year.
 - In 2012/13 the Parish Council awarded £665 of grants from the Sawley Small Grants Scheme to fund work by the Sawley Arts Group and to help towards the cost of two Sawley residents undertaking educational courses.
 - The total cost of the works to Sawley Church Clock will be £5353.
 - Money from the proceeds will be used to fund the new play equipment on Sawley Village Green (see overleaf).

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The Parish Council met in March and May 2013 and considered a number of items of business.

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May, John Scannell was re-elected as **Chairman of the Parish Council** and Martin Kirbitson was re-elected as **Vice-Chairman**.

NEWSLETTER

Apologies for the lack of newsletter after March's meeting, caused by the Clerk having time off to move home. **Please note her new contact details below.** This is a double issue to cover all the Council's news from the March and May meetings.

Please let the Council know if you would like to help it save money and receive this newsletter by e-mail in the future.



GRANTLEY NOTICEBOARD

The new noticeboard is now in use. It was funded jointly by the Parish Council and Grantley Village Hall.



SAWLEY CHURCH CLOCK

There are still some teething problems with getting the overhauled clock to strike correctly. This has resulted in further works being needed. It is hoped they will be completed in early July.

£ 2012/13 ACCOUNTS £

The Parish Council has now approved its 2012/13 accounts, which are summarised below. Full details are available on the Council's website at www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/financials. The accounts are now in the process of being audited.

<i>Monies Received</i>		<i>Payments Made</i>	
Precept	£6,223	Clerk	£2,731
Maintenance Grant	£754	Caretaker	£1,081
Picking Gill Rent	£550	Grasscutting	£429
Bank Interest	£5	Insurance	£335
		Auditing	£325
		YLCA Membership	£159
		Training	£77
		Leaving Presents	£54
		Donation to CAB	£50
TOTAL	£7,532	TOTAL	£5,241

The Council finished the year under-budget due to lower than expected expenditure on the play areas.

PUBLICATION SCHEME

The Parish Council has updated its policy for making information about its work available to the public. This and many of the Council's other documents are available on its website:

www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/Information

OIL CLUB

Two successful orders have now been placed. The next order is scheduled for 15th July. To find out how the scheme works and how to join contact the Clerk or look online at gssepc.btck.co.uk/oilclub

A volunteer co-ordinator is still being sought – could you help?



MOTORCYCLE TRIAL NEAR LOW GRANTLEY



The Parish Council took up residents' concerns about bikes using the local roads for an event in April with the organisers, who've said that they're sorry for any disturbance caused. It is an annual event which is run under Auto Cycle Union (ACU) regulations with a registered steward in attendance. The Police are informed that the event is taking place when the ACU permit to run it is issued. The trial is run over three laps of observed sections on private land linked by public roads and there was signage on the route indicating what was taking place and cautioning riders to be aware of others.

PLEASE NOTE THE CLERK'S NEW DETAILS:

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DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

The Parish Council's next meeting will be held on 9th July 2013 at 7.30pm in Grantley Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and hear the matters being considered.