

# Newsletter

June 2015

The Parish Council met on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015 and considered a number of items of business.

## VACANCY ON THE PARISH COUNCIL

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council after the resignation of Martin Soley. Although the vacancy is for the Skelding ward, anyone living within 4.8km is eligible to join.

There is more information about the role of a Parish Councillor in the Good Councillor's Guide which is available from the Clerk or online at: [www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/NewsNotices](http://www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/NewsNotices)

If you'd be interested in joining the Council then please contact the Clerk as soon as possible.

Martin Kirbitson has been elected as **Chairman** for the forthcoming year. Mike Lumb has been elected as **Vice-Chairman**. Thanks were expressed to John Scannell for all the work he had undertaken during his time as Chair.

## SAWLEY VILLAGE GREEN

The Parish Council owns Sawley Village Green and is responsible for its maintenance and management.

A new policy has been agreed which gives a general permission for events to be held on the Green – this is in addition to the casual usage enjoyed by local residents on a day-to-day basis. **The policy covers all private and community events including weddings, country fairs and sports days.**

Permission is given, subject to:

- The Parish Council being notified at least 14 days before, using a special form available on the Council's website or from the Clerk.
- A risk assessment being carried out.
- Organisers considering whether they need to insure their event as they are not covered by the Council's policy.

The policy can be viewed on the Council's website:

[www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/SawleyVillageGreen](http://www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/SawleyVillageGreen)

## TRANSPARENCY CODE

The Council is working to meet the requirements of the new Code which means that more information will be displayed on its website. The government hopes that this will help make smaller authorities, such as this Council, more accountable to the population it serves.



The Council is going to look in to the provision of **community de-fibrillators** in the parish.

## GRANTLEY BROADBAND

Meeting with Julian Smith MP  
Grantley Village Hall  
7pm, 26<sup>th</sup> June

## £ 2014/15 ACCOUNTS £

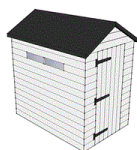
The Council's accounts have now been prepared and are in the process of being audited. The Council finished the year under-budget due to lower than expected expenditure on maintaining the playgrounds and because the contingency for unexpected costs was not fully used.

The Council is in a healthy financial position with reserves of just over £9,500. Full details are available online at: [www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/Financials/201415Accounts](http://www.gssepc.btck.co.uk/Financials/201415Accounts)

## RECYCLING

Please make sure that when you use the recycling area at Sawley Village Hall everything is put in the bins, not left at the side.

Harrogate Borough Council can't collect brown cardboard in the kerbside collections.



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](http://www.immobilise.com) to make items easier to recover and less attractive to steal. Report any suspicious activity by ringing 101. If a crime is in progress ring 999.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 14th July 2015 at 7.30pm in Grantley Village Hall.