

# ***Saxby All Saints Parish Council***

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 6.30pm  
in Saxby All Saints Village Hall**

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## **Present**

**Cllr Andrew Simpson (Chairman)  
Cllr Charles Szabo**

**Cllr Charlie Barton**

**Cllr Pauline Leitch**

## **4 members of the public**

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- 1) Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were approved by members and signed by the Chairman.  
Proposed: Cllr Barton, seconded: Cllr Leitch
- 2) No matters arising.
- 3) Report of the Chairman – a brief presentation on the work of the Council in the previous year (see attached).
- 4) No public comment.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm.

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### **Chairmans Report - 2019 - 2021**

Although Parish Council meetings have needed to be conducted remotely via ZOOM throughout the COVID-19 lockdown of the past year, the Parish Council has continued their efforts of representing the Parish and our residents.

Planning issues and the ongoing push against the limits of the villages' conservation policies continue to cause some unhappiness and frustration within the village despite our best efforts towards a consistent interpretation of the conservation policy.

At the end of the day, actual planning decisions are made by North Lincs Council and their Planning Team and the Parish Council is only able to offer an opinion, with the final decision made by NLC.

Some progress has been made towards finalising a 'central village ' location for a village Christmas tree as well as new village signs to be provided by North Lincs Council, with both items expected to be in place before the end of 2021.

We have been more pro-active with regards highway and drainage issues in the past year and expect to see the benefits with regards fewer potholes and improved drainage in Main Street and a resolution of the drainage issues down North Carr Lane in the next year.

Danns Hill and the slumping of the road surface will remain a problem in the medium term due to the low volume of usage of the road mitigating against the extensive and expensive repairs that are required.

As a member of the Low Villages Forum, together with South Ferriby, Horkstow, Bonby, Worlaby and Elsham, a remote speed awareness 'flashing sign' is being purchased and will shortly be used across the Low Villages to assist in speed reduction on our roads.

In addition, as we come out of lockdown, there will again be Neighbourhood Speed Monitoring which it is expected will also assist in speed reduction through our village. Additional volunteers to assist would be welcome.

The planting up of additional flower boxes through the village by Dorothy and John Fagge has contributed to an improved street scene as one drives through the village and the Parish Council would like to thank them both for their continued efforts towards brightening up the village.

The Parish Council finances have improved in the past few years and we now have a reserve almost equal to 6 months of the Parish Precept with the result that it was possible to request a very nominal Precept increase for the 2021-22 financial year.

In late 2019 and early 2020 Mel Young and Grace Mitchell respectively resigned from the Council and now in 2021 Gavin Jobling and Dorothy Fagge have also resigned and I would like to place on record our thanks and appreciation for all their hard work towards making Saxby All Saints a nicer village to live in. Mel and Dorothy were Parish Councillors for many years and their experience will be missed.

In late 2020 Charles Szabo accepted a co-option onto the Parish Council and in June, with no applicants necessitating an election, we will need to co-opt 2 additional Parish Councillors. A few

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villagers have expressed an interest so we would hope that we can again have our full quota of 6 Parish Councillors to represent the village.

And in conclusion of this Annual Report, I would like to thank my fellow Parish Councillors, and our Ward Councillors, as well as Louise Ward our Parish Council Clerk for all their assistance and hard work over the past year. Hopefully, we are now back with monthly meetings here in the Village Hall and life can slowly continue towards the new normal.

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