

SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sawley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15th December at 7pm

114/15 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr A Walton and Cllr D Walton and Cllr J Bonam.

115/15 Election of a new Chair and Vice Chair

It was proposed that Cllr J Sewell be elected as Chair. **Resolved** all Councillors present voted in agreement. It was proposed by Cllr Beard that Cllr Aram be elected as Vice Chair. **Resolved:** all councillors voted in favour of Cllr Aram being Vice Chair.

116/15 Declaration of members Interest:

There was nothing to report.

117/15 Public Speaking

A member of the public was concerned that the meeting was earlier than usual and more public members may come later. The Chair explained that the Agenda had been published both on the notice boards and the website as a 7pm start. Car parking on Wilne Road was raised as a potential hazard. The Chair explained that the two garages in question had been told about this before both by the police and the County Council and the problem is a continuing one. He explained that this is a County matter as it is Highways and encouraged people to complain to the Council. The Chair offered to go and visit the garages to talk to them about the problem. Lock Lane has similar problems.

Representatives from the Community Association commented on the lack of Councillors at their events and Councillors commented on their lack of awareness of events. **Resolved:** the Community Association to have a link on the Parish Council website, Cllr Aram to arrange with Wendy from the Community Association.

Cllr J Sewell reported that the bench had now been moved on Lakeside and Cllr Beard was continuing his efforts with the car park and the Community Payback team.

Cllr R Sewell is interested in helping with the community speedwatch. Maybe this should be put on the website. **Resolved:** clerk to add to the website.

118/15 To confirm the minutes of Sawley Parish Council meeting held on 24th November 2015

Resolved: the minutes of the Sawley Parish Council Monthly Meeting held on 24th November, having been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair.

119/15 Clerk Role

The clerk informed everyone that she wished to resign from her post. The clerk explained that the pay was low for the experience and skill required for the role and it had been a turbulent time since May and she was not enjoying the role anymore. The clerk explained that she would wait until a new clerk was appointed and do a handover so as not to leave the Council in a mess. The chair asked the clerk to re-consider.

120/15 Business Plan Budgets and Precept

- **Business Plan.** Cllr Aram explained that the plan had been amended since the last meeting and was ready for a proof read by Cllr Powell. The plan would then go on the website for consultation for 28 days with a potential live date of 1st April 2016.
- **Budgets.** It was proposed to have a new finance committee to review the finances quarterly throughout the year and report back to the full Parish Council meeting. **Resolved:** clerk to add committees to the next agenda.
- **Precept.** The chair explained that Sawley had one of the lowest precepts in the country and it had not been increased in the past 6 years. The number of complaints from residents regarding lack of work the parish council does has only highlighted the need to increase the precept. It was proposed to increase the precept by £3.20. Proposed by Cllr Aram, seconded by Cllr Briggs and unanimously agreed by all Councillors present. It was agreed to now discuss the budget at the next meeting.

121/15 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next Sawley Parish Council meeting is to be confirmed as Tuesday 26th January 2016 at 7.00pm. This meeting will be held at the Sawley Community Association.