

SAWLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Sawley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 24th November at 7.30pm

103/15 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllr A Walton and Cllr D Walton (Chair). Cllr J Sewell Chaired the meeting this evening. Cllr D Walton had sent an email to all Councillors explaining his intention to step down as Chair of the Parish Council due to work load however his intention was not clear to everyone. **Resolved:** clerk to confirm with the Chair if he intends to step down with immediate effect.

104/15 Declaration of members Interest:

Resolved: Cllr J Sewell declared an interest in 108/15 and 109/15 Planning

105/15 Public Speaking

Mr Edgar from Sawley Retreats was in attendance and informed the Council that his company had purchased the land behind the Harrington Arms (13 acres). Sawley Retreats has 4 Directors and owns other places such as a marina in Lincolnshire and a resort in the Canary Islands. He came to the meeting to seek the Council's opinion on what could be done with the land. The area is in the green belt, flood plain and conservation area. Sawley Marina has recently turned 142 marina berths into residential berths which means that 142 leisure users now need additional space so possibly could turn the land into a marina. Possible cricket pitch/pavilion/ country walks. Cllr Briggs asked about the risks to the Harrington Bridge, due to increased traffic but Mr Edgar said he can't see a problem with the bridge. The Chair thanked Mr Edgar for attending the meeting and noted his comments.

A member of the public and representative of the Church stated that she had sent a letter to Cllr D Walton regarding the Remembrance Service but had not received a reply. Cllr Sewell asked her to send a copy to the clerk for circulation. **Resolved:** letter to be re sent to the clerk for dealing with.

The car park on Lakeside was raised and the clerk informed everyone that the Community Payback team would do this for free but they need to come out and inspect the work to be done. **It was agreed** that Cllr Beard would phone the team and arrange to meet them.

Police were in attendance and reported 10 cases of criminal damage; 5 dwelling burglaries; 4 non dwelling burglaries; 6 theft from motor vehicles; 3 car thefts since 24th October. ASB totalled 47 for the month of October compared to 52 last year and year to date 1/4/15 to 31/10/15 there have been 352 ASB reports compared to 371 for same period last year. The Clerk asked the Police their opinion on the bench location on Lakeside and he recommended that this was moved into a more open area. **Resolved:** Cllr Sewell agreed to look at this. Concern was raised over speeding traffic and the Community Speed Watch. PC Boyer said he had the equipment but just needed to sort the exercise out and would be in touch. It was agreed that this should be done on Wilne Road.

106/15 To confirm the minutes of Sawley Parish Council meeting held on 27th October 2015

Resolved: the minutes of the Sawley Parish Council Monthly Meeting held on 27th October having been circulated were approved and signed as a true record by the Vice Chair.

107/15 Budgets and Business Plan

Cllr Aram went through the proposed draft plan with the Councillors (copies issued separately) page by page checking the content for accuracy. Various budget headings were discussed including the Newsletter; Christmas Lights and sub committees. It was proposed to have 4 sub committees: Lakeside; Remembrance and Memorial; Christmas; and Community Development and Improvement Committee. These need to be formed have terms and reference and elected members. **Resolved:** to be discussed at the next meeting and clerk to write Terms of Reference.

The Precept was discussed and everyone agreed this needs to be raised as there is insufficient funds to cover the work of the Council or to do anything new. Cllr Sewell informed everyone of the process and how it worked with EBC. It was agreed that it is more complex than first thought and needs an extra meeting to discuss further. Cllr Sewell proposed to have an extra monthly meeting in December to discuss budgets only. The clerk clarified that this would be classed as a normal meeting and not an extraordinary meeting and would be conducted the same as a monthly meeting. Cllr Aram said that as part of the consultation process there should be a message placed on the website informing the public that the Precept might be going up.

Resolved: Cllr Aram to put a statement on the website re possible precept increase in April

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108/15 Planning

Awaiting electronic information from Cllr Briggs

109/15 Planning Decisions

110/15 Reports from Councillors who have attended other meetings

Cllr Aram had attended the Parish and Town Liaison Meeting in Matlock but had little to feedback on. Topics covered were: winter resilience; Digital Derbyshire and Adult Care.

111/15 Reports from other meetings Councillors have attended

112/15 Finance

a. PAYMENTS:

	£
784. Alan Tetley for Nov and Dec	160.00
785. Clerks salary for Nov and Dec plus expenses	603.38
Travel to meeting = £13.50	
Work from home expenses Nov Dec = £36	
Salary Nov and Dec = £ 547.40	
Stamps £6.48	
786. Cllr Walton for paying the Buglar	50.00
787. Fat Sounds for Audio equipment on Remembrance	96.00
788. LED Lights zone for the replacement bulbs	960.00

b. EBC members grant applications for Christmas Lights. Cllr Sewell presented a cheque to the clerk for £600 towards the Christmas light bill.

c. Bank account paperwork. Clerk handed over the bank paperwork to Cllr Sewell to complete before next meeting.

113/15 Items for information

The following items were circulated to Councillors by email:

DALC Circular 25

Declaration forms given and completed by Cllrs Aram and Powell. **Resolved:** clerk to send to EBC.

114/15 Date of the next meeting

The date of the next Sawley Parish Council meeting is to be confirmed as Tuesday 15th December 2015 at 7.00pm. This meeting will be held at the Sawley Community Association.