

SAXBY ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual meeting of Saxby All Saints Parish held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 28th May 2025, at the Village Hall, Saxby All Saints.

Present: Chair – Cllr Andrew Simpson.
Cllr Davina Pressler-Saether, Cllr Charlie Barton, Cllr Charles Szabo
Clerk – Holly Hanson

No Ward Councillors attended

Public Participation

No members of the public attended.

AM25/26 – 0501 Minutes of Previous meeting

- a) Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 8th May 2024 were approved and signed.

AM25/26 – 0502 Matters arising

There were no matters arising

AM25/26 – 0503 Chairman's Report

- a) Cllr Andrew Simpson gave a report on the activities of the Parish Council over the last year.
Welcome and Thank you for coming this evening to the Saxby All Saints Parish Council Annual General Meeting.

Monthly Parish Council Meetings continue to be held in the Village Hall as we continue our efforts in representing the Parish and our residents. As in past years, it would be nice if there was more often some interest from Villagers by way of attendance at the Meetings, although we are happy to take the absence of residents as a vote of confidence in the way we are managing our Parish.

Spring planting in the various Village Flower boxes has been much more successful this year, and thanks are due to Sharon Hope & Mark Nugus, Davina Saether and her daughters, Sharron Simpson, Julie Frampton-Carr, Janet Szabo as well, I am sure, as other willing assistants.

We do appreciate those residents who have adopted their 'patch or flower box', which all contributes to an improved street scene as one drives through and the Parish Council would also like to thank everyone whose own garden planting and gardening efforts assist towards brightening up the Village

The Speed awareness 'flashing signs' purchased by the Low Villages Forum, of which we are a member together with South Ferriby, Horkstow, Bonby, Worlaby and Elsham were again installed in the Village during the year but the rotation hasn't worked as it should with the other Villages and we will work towards ensuring a more regular appearance in 2025 / 26. As in the past, their presence does reduce speeds through the Village but unfortunately speeds between the Villages and through the Villages when there are no flashing signs remain a concern.

Neighbourhood Speed Monitoring has unfortunately ceased due to a shortage of willing Volunteers. We intend trying to revive the existing Team of volunteers and also to encourage some new Volunteers.

The Parish Council has hosted, with thanks to Davina Pressler for the actual hard work, a Children's Halloween Party with snacks and games, a Christmas Party with games, snacks and Christmas Carols, an Easter Egg Hunt and party with snacks & games and the children who have attended have really enjoyed themselves. Hopefully similar events will be hosted again in 2025 / 26.

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An extremely successful 80th Anniversary of VE Day was hosted by the Parish Council, on the 10th May, with the support of the Village Hall Committee and other Villagers, with all the meat on the day cooked by Davina.

It was really great to see so many Village residents enjoying the sunshine and the music and each others company on the day. The proceeds of the Raffle of £330.00 will be used to buy a new bench for the monument at the bottom of Saxby Hill.

Some concerns have been raised about the state of the paving around the Monument and we are investigating whether a Grant could be requested to allow it to be restored. Other concerns raised during the year have been about the state of the footpath between Saxby and Bonby, Hedges that encroach on the footpaths, overhanging trees that are damaged by passing lorries and leave a mess in the road and the intermittent sweeping of the roads through the Village. Hopefully, during the remainder of the 2025 Summer we will be able to make some progress towards resolving / improving all of these issues

Although progress has been extremely slow, the Parish Council still hopes to be able to reach an agreement with the Parish Church that will then allow the PC to take a greater role in assisting with the maintenance of the Blue Bell Wood for the benefit and enjoyment of the Village and we will ensure further details are advised as the initiative develops.

Parish Council Finances have continued their improvement of the past few years and we have maintained our Reserve at roughly equal to 6 months of the Parish Precept and it was therefore possible to again request a very nominal Precept increase for the 2025/2026 Financial Year.

And in conclusion of this Annual Report I would like to also thank all my fellow Parish Councillors for all their assistance and hard work over the past year, as well as to Holly Hanson, our Parish Clerk for all her efforts.

AM22/23 – 0504 Public Comment

- a) There was no public comment.