

SAXBY ALL SAINTS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Annual meeting of Saxby All Saints Parish held at 6.30pm on Wednesday 27th May 2026, at the Village Hall, Saxby All Saints.

Present:

Chair – Cllr Andrew Simpson.

Cllr Chris Rogers, Cllr Charlie Barton, Cllr Charles Szabo, Cllr Ian Plumtree

Clerk – Holly Hanson

No Ward Councillors attended

Public Participation

No members of the public attended.

AM26/27 – 0501 Minutes of Previous meeting

- a) Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 28th May 2025 were approved and signed.

AM26/27 – 0502 Matters arising

There were no matters arising

AM26/27 – 0503 Chairman's Report

- a) 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 have not been as successful this year although the flowers in the old Phone Box continue to be maintained and refreshed by Beech House which is really appreciated, as were the plantings by Sharron Simpson brightening up the Village ahead of the recent Church being opened over the Churches Festival weekend in early May.

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 Feriby, 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. We hope that the purchase of our own Speed Camera, with Grant Funding assistance from the Police & Crime Commissioner will help ensure more regular and frequent appearances in 2026 / 27.

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.

The £330.00 Raffle proceeds from last years 80th Anniversary VE Day Village Party were used to fund 2 new benches around the Monument at the bottom of Saxby Hill, although the manufacturer has now donated

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them to the Village so we intend using the funds for a complete replant of the flower bed behind the monument.

Following on from the concerns raised about the state of the paving around the Monument we have really struggled to find anybody interested in even giving us a quote to relay the paving. However in May 2026 we have now found a contractor willing to do the work and the Monument paving should, as a result, be re-laid by the end of August 2026.

Other concerns raised during the year continue to be about the Potholes through the Village, weeds in the gutters, 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 2026 Summer we will be able to make some progress towards resolving / improving all of these issues.

Despite extremely slow progress, the Parish Council has now agreed a 100 years Lease over the Blue Bell Woods which ensures that the Blue Bell Woods will be retained as a 'Village Green' and will be properly maintained by the Parish Council for the benefit of all Village residents.

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 2025/26 Financial Year.

Unfortunately Pauline Leitch left the Council in mid 2025 to allow her to spend more time visiting her children and Grandchildren and we thank her for many years service to the Village and wish her lots of fun and games and happy visits with her Grandchildren.

More recently Davina Pressler has resigned from the Parish Council as she is leaving the Village and we thank her for her efforts making Saxby a better place for residents, especially those with children who enjoyed the Easter Egg and Halloween fun & games & parties and wish her and her family well in the future. We have been fortunate to welcome Chris Clarke to the Council in late 2025 and more recently Ian Plumtree has also joined the Council and we look forward to their assisting the rest of the Council for the ongoing benefit of the Village.

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 keeping us in order.

AM22/23 – 0504 Public Comment

- a) There was no public comment.