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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR SAWTRY

The Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting for Sawtry was held at the old school Hall, Green End Road, Sawtry on **Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Present :** Parish Chairman Cllr Tuplin ( Chairman of the Parish Council, Chairman of the meeting )  
Steve Browning ( Clerk of the Parish Council, Note taker ) 10 members of the public.

1. Welcome by the Parish Council Chairman – See report appendix 1.
2. Annual report of the Parish Council – will be published on [www.sawtry-pc.gov.uk](http://www.sawtry-pc.gov.uk) and the noticeboards after the meeting.
3. Guest speaker – From the Community - Tom Gosling the Big Help out Sawtry – Unfortunately Tom Gosling was unable to attend.
4. Open Forum

Points raised by the public –

It was raised that it was disappointing that the planning application for Rumbles went through, and the yellow lines have only added to the parking issues.

Cllr Tuplin responded the Parish Council did reject the planning application and it was Highways who approved the yellow lines as they reported no issues with parking.

It was raised that there seems to be too much heavy traffic coming through the village and what can be done about it to reduce the level of traffic and were there any plans for a bypass.

Cllr Bywater responded that it would need to be a combined authority and there is no funding for this scale of project.

It was also pointed out there is a weight restriction already on Green End Road and HGV's should come in through Fen Lane and out at Gidding Road, and When the New Service station application came in, concerns over traffic were raised by the Parish Council.

Cllr Tuplin pointed out with the new industrial estate on the other side of the A1 hopefully in time this would reduce the heavy traffic into the village.

Member of the public also raised about a potential to reduce the village speed to 20mph. The Clerk responded this is a scheme the Parish Council are looking into and will be making an application for next April, as first stage is you need to have public consultation to approve the scheme.

It was also raised that the hedges and grass verges are not being regularly maintained.

Cllr Bywater responded we will need to do more as a village as HDC are cutting costs.

Member of the public said they would like to offer their thanks to the Clerk, the office staff, the Councillors and District Councillors for their hard work over the last year, and also the Parish Council for the Coronation event they held, which on a difficult day due to the weather conditions was an excellent occasion and well organised.

**Chairman Sawtry Parish Council  
30<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

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Sawtry Parish Council Chairmans report for the Annual Parish Meeting

Held in the Old School on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023

I would like to start by thanking everyone for their hard work in the previous year especially the clerk and the office staff.

The caretakers have both done a tremendous job in keeping the village tidy and well maintained. The planters for the village entrances look fabulous and well maintained so thank you to everyone concerned. Thanks also goes to the litter pickers who spend hours of their own time helping to keep the village as clean as possible.

I would also like to thank the councillors for all their hard work, the Christmas displays and especially the tree looked superb.

Special thanks also go to the Coronation Committee who organised a fantastic event for the village, just a shame for the English weather.

And lastly, I would like to thank Cllr Potter for all his hard work with the Neighbourhood Plan which is now due to go to referendum and I urge everyone to vote.

It has been a very good year for the Parish Council but there is still a lot of hard work ahead to maintain and improve the village.

Finally we still have 2 vacancies on the Parish Council and encourage applications from anyone interested in helping to improve their community.

Thank you.

Cllr Tuplin

Chairman