

The closing balances were therefore:-

High Interest Account	30783.37
[of which £1135.44 is the Flood Defence Fund]	
Current Account	1973.44

- Voices for People Appeal The Parish Council declined to make a donation
- Offer to Paint Signage at the Crossroads Mr. Steven Reilly had offered to paint the road signage at the crossroads, which offer the Clerk had gratefully accepted.
- New Dog Bin in Scarthingwell Park The Clerk reported that she had ascertained that the proposed site was in the ownership of the care home, that permission had been obtained, and the bin placed on order.
- Christmas Hamper Request A hamper or hampers were to be provided at Christmas for the needy in the diocese, and a request for a contribution had been made; it was decided to contribute £50.
- Damaged Lamp Posts In Saxton Lane Cllr. Mrs. Hodgson reported that the new lighting fittings are now on order, and that the electrician has said he will begin the work this week. The price is £1800.
- Cladding of Houses in Saxton Lane and Scarthingwell Crescent The Chairman précised the situation to date; the District Council had given themselves permission to clad numbers 21 and 30 Saxton Lane, also numbers 11, 12, 15 and 16 Scarthingwell Crescent in brick, the Parish Council had protested the finish, and asked that stone cladding be substituted, arguing that not only would stone be more aesthetically pleasing, but would in fact be cheaper, contrary to the insistence of the District Council that it would be more expensive. The Parish Council had been assured by the District Council that consideration would be given to the Parish Council's views. Now, however, Selby had completely reversed their previous reasonableness and were insisting that brick would be used, without further discussion. It was asserted by Selby that the residents were happy with the choice of brick, but when asked by the Chairman to confirm this, the majority insisted they had not been consulted at all. The Clerk had requested a site meeting with David Maycock, Lead Assets Officer at Selby, or that he attend this Parish Council meeting, but had been turned down. Further, the District Council had, without seeking leave, erected a compound on the Village Green for the purpose of storing building materials, and had removed it at the Parish Council's insistence that this was an infringement of the law relating to Village Greens, and the notice that it would be removed by the Parish Council if the District Council failed to do so. The advice of Simon Rounding, a solicitor formerly on the Parish Council, would be sought over how to proceed. Lastly, it was noted that the planning permission does not include No. 30 Saxton Lane, and the Clerk had brought this to the notice of Selby, as instructed.
- Drainage Cllr. Ms Marshall had obtained a quotation from the Ornate Iron Company for the manufacture, supply and installation of safety railings to the roadside drain in Main Street, in the sum of £150 per railing. The Clerk was instructed to place the order. The Chairman explained that the railings were free-standing and must not be fastened to a wall, because any impact damage would loosen the wall. The Chairman then distributed the list of works still to be undertaken, as discussed at the previous meeting, and this would be considered when Councillors had had the opportunity to study it. The Chairman would walk the village with the incoming Councillor, Michael Dennison, to apprise him fully of the situation to date. With regard to gas pipes going across the dyke, Cllr. Ms Marshall reported that Gary Farnhill of British Gas had agreed to remove these as necessary; it was thought there were up to three pipes to remove.