

Payments had been made as follows:-

D.C. Graham	760.60
Saxton Parochial Church Council	200.00
RSS Playmakers	180.00
H. Readman	74.53

Approval was given to pay Peter Snowdon £20 towards his expenses in maintaining footpaths in the village, £19 to renew membership of the C.P.R.E. and for the purchase of a text book advertised in Clerks and Councils Direct on the subject of Local Councils Administration, at a special price of £60. £2000 had been transferred from the High Interest to the Current account.

The closing balances were therefore:-

High Interest Account	28783.37
[of which £1135.44 is the Flood Defence Fund]	
Current Account	1007.80

C.P.R.E. Membership

It was agreed to renew the Parish Council's membership

Traveller Site in Towton

The application to make this temporary site a permanent one had been refused; however, the Chairman cautioned that a re-application was likely, also that the applicant had 60 days in which to appeal – and the fact that the applicant was detained at Her Majesty's pleasure at the time of the application could be to his benefit. On the plus side, it was noted that English Heritage were considering extending the boundaries of the Towton Battlefield site.

Damaged Lamp Posts In Saxton Lane

Cllr. Mrs. Hodgson had been advised by the electrician that this work was under way, and she would continue to monitor the situation.

Lopping of telegraph Posts

The Clerk reported that she had pursued this matter with James Carter, who had sustained an injury, causing the delay; he was much improved and hoped to undertake the work the following week

Drainage

Chairman reminded the meeting of his discussions with John Hodgson regarding the situation in Saxton Lane and of the arrangements put in place; he would now obtain a price, which would be emailed around the Council for approval so that the work could be put in hand., after which the bund in Manor Field could be addressed, including obtaining a price for planting. The Chairman would produce a schedule of works. He envisaged a start near the cricket field, then downstream past the gas governor and working towards the culvert outside Plough House. Cllr. Ms Marshall again reminded the meeting that the work outside The Cottage was not completed, and that the Ornate Iron Company had now advised they could not undertake the work until February.

Ownership of Land in Scarthingwell Park

Cllr. Ms Marshall had nothing further to report, and the item was again tabled for the following meeting.

Dates of Future Meetings

These were set for Tuesdays 25th February and 1st April 2014.

Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman, should, by means of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency

Cllr. Ms Marshall would bring to the attention of the Parochial Church Council the possibility of festooning the existing trees in the church grounds with lights, rather than the provision of a Christmas tree, and would report to a future Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman reported he had again been asked by residents about the progress of work to certain trees in the village, and the Clerk confirmed she had sought the necessary permissions, and would monitor the situation.