

AON Insurance	448.49
Planning and Design Group	1292.88
Selby District Council for provision of dog bin	231.84
Npower street lighting	161.39
C. Patton, planting costs	75.50
S. Smart, planting costs	135.00
VHMC – Village Hall rent and cleaning	786.50
P. Snowden, reimbursement gardening expenses	30.00

Approval was given to pay £250 to Terry Carr for his weekly winding of the church clock, and £120.12 Clerk's expenses,

Interest of £4.08 had been received, as had £400 in contributions from the SSGB, and the biannual precept of £8000. £2000 had been transferred to the current from the high interest account. The Treasurer advised that he was considering changing from HSBC to Barclays Bank, whose terms and conditions were better; this item was tabled for the next meeting.

The closing balances were therefore:-

High Interest Account	30797.35
[of which £1135.44 is the Flood Defence Fund]	
Current Account	944.12

Lastly, the Clerk explained that she had had further dialogue with npower over the long disputed administration charge (beginning in 2005). Currently, there was an impasse because npower had quoted a charge per kWh and were trying to reconcile this with the fact that the village supply is unmetered.

Drainage

The fibreglass pole was still in the dyke on the south side of Saxton Lane – as reported previously – and the Chairman would follow the matter up with the party who had promised to remove it.

Planning in the Parish

- Application for the addition of a conservatory to The Old Presbytery, London Road, Barkston Ash for Mr and Mrs. Dennis – the Parish Council had no objection to this.
- Application for extension and alteration to Park House, Scarthingwell Park, Barkston Ash for Mr Richard McKellar – the Parish Council had no objection to this, though it was observed that the area is now part of the Towton Battlefield site, also that there had already been an extension only 3 years ago.
- Notice of Public Enquiry by Reginald Robshaw over refusal for permission for a permanent traveller site at The Gallops, Main Street, Towton – there was objection to this, and the Clerk was instructed initially to contact Towton Parish Council, also to write to Selby District Council along the lines of our previous objection, plus write to the Planning Appeals office in Bristol.

Street Lighting

It was noted that the light outside 30 Saxton Lane cannot be raised higher because it is already sited at the top of the pole. Cllr. Mrs Hodgson was investigating the possibility of using a brighter bulb, and in her absence this item was tabled for the following meeting. A request was made that the Christmas tree lights be on during the hours of darkness. Cllr. Ms Barrowman advised that the electrician would be in Saxton the next day, and the Chairman would try to meet with him.

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

Concern had been expressed over the safety of the willow tree outside Plough House. The Clerk was instructed to seek a second opinion from a tree surgeon, Martin Sketchley.

Cllr. Mr. Wilson asked whether there would be another scarecrow festival the following year, and this was confirmed.