

- To continue to support and fund SSGB over the application for a D1 certificate; this was proposed by Cllr. Mr. Fairclough and seconded by Cllr. Mr Wilson

Willow tree outside Plough House. A Tree Report had been obtained from Azure Tree Services, which identified that there was a fungus infection present in the largest of the willow trees. The Clerk was instructed to obtain two quotations for the tree's removal, and to involve Mr. Peter Snowdon

### Finance

The Treasurer presented the financial report as follows:-

High Interest Account	30797.35
Current Account	944.12

Payments had been made as follows:-

T. Carr for clock winding	250.00
Clerk's expenses	120.12
VHMC – (re-charge)	1000.00
S. Smart, planting costs	50.00

Approval was given to pay £90 to Azure Tree Services for their report on the health of the willow, £357 to PDG for their advice regarding the D1 Certificate application and £50 to Yorkshire Wildlife Trust in renewal of the Parish Council's membership.

£1000 had been received from Northern Powergrid, being a contribution to the Village Hall, and this had been passed on.

The closing balances were therefore:-

High Interest Account	30185.91
[of which £1135.44 is the Flood Defence Fund]	
Current Account	524.00

Lastly, the Treasurer explained that he was unable to make contact with the internal auditor, who was presently on holiday, and that this had been satisfactorily explained to the external auditor.

### Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

It was decided to renew the Parish Council's membership, at a fee of £50.

### Drainage

Cllr Ms Marshall thanked everyone who sandbagged her house in her absence during the recent heavy storm. The Chairman had contacted Howard Ferguson, assistant to our MP, and asked would he attend a further meeting to discuss the flooding. He pointed out that we have the funding, and had been going to undertake the work ourselves months ago, but that Highways had withdrawn their support at the last minute, and prevented the work. For the benefit of the public the Chairman explained that the problem was that there was a 450 pipe in Saxton Lane which caused a bottleneck so that water was unable to run away and surcharged. The Chairman would pursue the matter urgently. It was also noted that the soakaways had not been maintained by Richard Bayston, which contributed to the overall problem, as did the blockage at the house to the north of Saxon Holme on Cold Hill, and the blocked culvert on Plough Corner. It was observed that Northern Gas had installed a new supply pipe to Athelstan House – across the dyke – and channel kerbs were suggested as a possible way to divert water.

Mr. Keith Ellis, our prospective new District Councillor, was in attendance and advised that sandbags were readily available for collection from Selby. Ms Marshall pointed out that this was not helpful in times of flood, particularly given the sand bag's weight.