

£3000 had been transferred from the High Interest to the Current account.

The closing balances were therefore:-

High Interest Account	27797.35
[of which £1135.44 is the Flood Defence Fund]	
Current Account	952.00

Lastly, the Chairman and Clerk signed the audited accounts.

Reminder from Freedom
of Information
Commission

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had received a phone call from the Commission chasing two emailed requests they had made on behalf of a member of the public, Mrs Oakley, The emails were dated the 20 June and 23 July and had both been sent to the wrong email address. They had since been forwarded, and the Clerk would respond by the required date, the 24 September.

Appointment of Parish
Council Representative
on the Village Hall
Committee

It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Mr Wilson that Cllr Ms Marshall be appointed the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee

Polling Venue

An enquiry had been received from the Returning Officer over whether the current polling station is satisfactory, and the Clerk was instructed to reply that it is.

Church Lighting

The Chairman read out a quotation received from Warden Moore for necessary work to the church lighting, in the sum of £2350, and this was accepted, with a contingency to be agreed by email as the job proceeds.

Christmas Lighting

it was agreed that more Christmas lights were required, and the Chairman, together with Cllr.Mr. Wilson, undertook to obtain them.

Completion of Work
outside The Cottage
Main Street, Saxton

it was decided to appoint Dave Bailey-Hague to complete this work, at a maximum price of £1500, being £1000 plus a reserve of £500 for contingencies. DBH's price for grass cutting and dyke clearing was also discussed, and accepted in the sum of £350

Drainage

Mr Howard Ferguson, assistant to our MP, Nigel Adams, was in attendance, and he first of all drew the attention of all present to an appeal from the police to report any suspicious vehicles that might be observed.

The Chairman now advised the meeting that he was seeking Mr. Ferguson's help and intervention over the necessary work to Saxton Lane. He reminded the meeting that we had been ready to start work earlier this year but Highways had intervened and stopped the work on the grounds that it would pose a safety hazard, in that the edges of the roadway would be undermined. The Chairman formally requested the assistance of Mr. Ferguson to intervene with Highways so that the road could be reinforced to permit the work to take place to the drainage – which work would probably require that the road be either closed or narrowed for a couple of days. He reminded the meeting that a major reason that Saxton Lane floods is the bottleneck caused by the 2'0" pipe discharging into a 450mm pipe. The work envisaged is to either provide a larger pipe, or an open gully.

Further items under this heading which were also brought to the attention of the meeting were: a) the provision and operation of bunds for the storage of flood water, b) the possibility of storing run-off water on land at Scarthingwell owned by the Pick family – given that there is already a report commissioned by the Parish Council which shows that the A162 is intended for use as a road drain. Lastly, Cllr. Ms Marshall pointed out that historically the dyke in Main Street had been used as a foul sewer, which laid the responsibility for its maintenance on Yorkshire Water.