

The closing balances were therefore:-

High Interest Account	8820.97
Current Account	585.55

- To Consider Renewal of Membership of CPRE It was decided to renew the Parish Council's membership, at a subscription of £36
- Public Forum The question of the defibrillator was raised, and the Clerk advised that the probable supplier would be asked to attend a meeting of the Council so that a number of outstanding questions could be answered before a final decision was made
- Planning in the Parish The formal notice regarding the D1 application had not yet been received. The retrospective application for the temporary siting of a storage cabin in the front garden of Rosedene, Cotchers Lane had been refused.
- Report on Progress over Moving Electricity Cables underground, and further action necessary A meeting attended by Andy Daley of Northern Powergrid, and Cllrs. Mr. G. Fairclough and Ms Jan Marshall was held on the 3 February 2016 in order to discuss this. The original intention of NP had been to run the cables in the footpath from the substation to the crossroads, but given that this was the line of the culvert, also that the footpath might not afford sufficient depth, putting the cables beneath the road would be considered, though it was pointed out that the drains run across the road to the culvert and to the dyke. It was stressed to NP that the culvert from Stray View Cottages to the corner with Cotchers Lane could contain soil from backfill, but that it was nevertheless a working drain and must not be filled in. The cable would go in the path in front of the houses up Cotchers Lane, but after that NP had intended to run the cable in the verge, to which the Councillors strongly objected both because the land is part of the battlefield, and the council has planted trees which are now mature, also the verges are higher than the road, which would clearly cause damage to them as well as the need for constant repair. . Also there was concern that should the verges collapse this would allow soil into the drainage system and cause flooding, and NP responded favourably to this point. The middle of the road was finally agreed upon as a site for the cable, and Cllr. Ms Marshall would email in confirmation. It was envisaged that work would start on the 15 February, and there would be a letter drop to affected residents.. There will be an excavation next to the substation for the full period of the works, and this will be barriered off. The two existing electricity posts on the village green will be removed, as will the signs drawing attention to the overhead lines. The site spoil will be available to the village, and the Chairman will speak to the landowner with a view to using it to raise a bund.
- Report on Progress over Registering Woodland Walk as a Village green Simon Rounding of Elmhirst Parker solicitors was undertaking this on the Parish Council's behalf. Ms Marshall had supplied a statement as a resident, together with photographic evidence, that the land had been used as a school garden, also a copy of the 1844 Enclosure Act. A local resident, Mr. Jeremy Scriven, had confirmed that had planted the trees, and the Clerk would ask him to put this in writing.
- Report on Transparency Code progress this item was tabled for the next agenda
- Sector LED Body for Audit It was agreed that the Parish Council would opt in
- Discussion of External Auditor's Report The submission notice had been put on the notice board and website. It was noted that for the future publication must be by the end of September. It was pointed out that the External Auditor had mistakenly thought that Cllr. Mr. Wilson – the Treasurer – was also the Clerk. The Clerk would check whether it was Minuted that we had adopted standing orders, and the Treasurer would confirm that the word "draft" on the submission would be removed. There was no date yet for the attendance by the Monitoring Officer.
- Date of next meeting This was already set for Tuesday the 8th March 2016.