

Approval was given to pay David Varley £106.13 for play equipment inspections and one replacement swing, the Village Hall Management Committee £132 for the hire of the hall, and £136.01 Clerk's expenses. Also approved was our customary £50 contribution to the church lighting, together with a further £50 towards the cost of Christmas lighting. The Clerk was instructed to advise the PCC, also that payment was made by the Parish Council for both maintenance and winding of the church clock. In addition Terry Carr's fee of £300 for clock winding was due and approved, as was the regular website payment. Lastly, the Treasurer brought to the attention of the meeting that YLCA had advised of a 1% cost of living increase in salary for P.C. clerks, and this would be implemented. £1000 had been transferred from the interest earning to the current account.

The closing balances were therefore:-

High Interest Account	9822.95
Current Account	279.73

To Agree a Budget for Trees

The Chairman suggested £500, as hitherto, and this was agreed.

To Consider Whether Further Action is Needed Following Receipt of Advice from YLCA, and Action to be taken Including Transfer of Legal Title of Village Hall

The Parish Council was now in receipt of advice from YLCA over both the village hall and the village green. It had been confirmed that the land on which the village green stands is in the ownership of Selby District Council, but that it is designated a village green in perpetuity and will remain so unless the law changes. The Clerk would seek a copy of the documentation. It was decided not to request transfer of the title to the Parish Council. With regard to the Village Hall itself, presently the current situation is that the Parish Council holds legal title to it, and holds it in trust for the parish. The Village Hall Management Committee manages the Hall, but has no capacity to hold title to under its present constitution. The VHMC is currently adopting a new constitution, under which it will cease to be an Unincorporated Trust and will become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), able to hold title to the village hall and the land upon which it stands. After much discussion it was unanimously agreed that it would safeguard the interests of the community for legal title to remain with the Parish Council, and the Clerk was instructed to write to the VHMC advising them of this, though to draft the letter initially for approval.

To agree upon Purchase of High Visibility Tabards for Gardening Volunteers

In the interests of Health and Safety, it was agreed to obtain six high visibility tabards for the use of volunteer workers. It was noted that a volunteer had come forward to re-paint the telephone kiosk, and green was chosen over red, the Chairman's casting vote carrying the vote. The Clerk would advise the volunteer.

To Consider a Donation to Sherburn Library if Requested

Cllr. Ms Marshall reported that Sherburn Library's business plan had been accepted by NYCC and formal negotiations were under way. No donation had been requested.

To decide upon a Replacement Seat on the Corner of Saxton Lane and Scarthingwell Crescent

It was determined that a traditional hardwood seat was required. A member of the public volunteered to make enquiries on the PC's behalf. It was accepted that the cost would be approximately £1000

Training for Councillors

Cllr Ms Marshall advised that the cost for a bespoke session of 2½ to 3 hours would be £35 per councillor; there was confusion over whether Cllr. Mr. Westmoreland was in favour of training. Three councillors present were in favour, one against. Cllr. Mr. Cook was not available in September, therefore October was the preferred time.

To Consider a Public Consultation on Signage for Saxton

This was agreed in principle, and the item tabled for the next meeting.