

7. Financial

- a. Clerk's Report and monthly statement

The Clerk reported the following balances at the bank:

Current Account	£4,486.03
High Rate Account	£5,447.22

The payments are listed below

100588 ME Electrical – repairs Holly Cottage £30.00
100589 Lappset – Litter Bind £556.60
100590 Deposit Protection Service \$450.00
100591 British Gas (Rose Cottage) £24.28
100592 Probuild – steps Holly Cottage £1,551.35
100593 M Collins – chains Play Area £19.96

All above expenditure was approved by Cllr. Gill, seconded by Cllr. M. Fisher..

8. Planning received by 8th January 2010

No Planning applications received in this period.

9. Sub Committees

Joint Parish Meetings

It would appear that the situation of the Leisure Centre is now improving. The official opening of the refurbished Leisure Centre has to be cancelled due to the inclement weather. This will be held at a later date.

MSA – there was no major update – another service station has been applied for at Baldersby.

Lorry Parking – this parking is being reviewed.

Retrospective Planning – a meeting on this to be held on the 8th February at 7.30p.m in Harrogate. Can any Councillors go to this?

It was reported that manpower for various projects is available from the Army Foundation College. Thought must be given to some Parish project.

Police Liaison

Cllr. Fisher reported that he couldn't go to the last meeting. He did, however, report that it was felt that this was improving.

Litter Picking

It was agreed that, after all the snow and bad weather, that there was a lot of litter about and that every effort should be made to clear this up by the weekend.

Emergency Committee – It was noted that there will be a meeting on the 10th February particularly highlighting that Minerva Court was not included during the last emergency.

10. Agenda Items

Play Area

The gate has to be rehung.

The litter bins are ready to be installed by Probuild

The Parish Council is grateful to Cty Cllr. John Watson and NYCC for the generous grant towards buying these new bins.

It was agreed that in spring some of the equipment needs sanding and painting.

Picnic Area

Trees – The Arborologist from Harrogate Borough Council has inspected the trees and he has advised that two willows require to be felled. Yore Vision will fund the buying of another willow tree plus a red oak. It was noted that metal fencing surrounding two trees on the outside of the picnic area are needing some attention since the trees are growing into the metal. Cllr. Gill agreed to have a look at these.

The dog bin in this area has been removed. The Clerk requested to write and report this and requesting a replacement bin.

Road Repairs

The kerb stones in Greenholme Close still require to be re-set.

Broom Close – the flooding in this area has improved but still requires some attention plus the potholes.

It was agreed to look at the pavement at Station Terrace in spring. Volunteers from the Parish Council will do the job.

Potholes – it was agreed that the Parish should be inspected and a list made of all potholes which require attention.

Lowfield Lane – The Chairman has written to Highways Department to enquire if they are responsible for this lane and have it inspected and repaired.

Grit Boxes – the ~Chairman has written to Highways Department requesting that a grit box should be installed in The Croft and The Moorings.

Footpath Skelton Road/Old Hall Caravan Park- The Clerk requested to write to Aiden Raynor at Northallerton requesting that he inspect the overgrown hedge

Footpaths

Cottages

Holly Cottage – the work on the steps/ wall has been done. It was felt that the same should be done on Rose Cottage steps etc.

Cllr. Brunyee will discuss the access road with the owners of the old Water Board land

Hydro Power Cllr. Collins gave a report on the progress of this project. A meeting has taken place involving the Carbon Trust and the Environment Agency. It would appear that this is a viable project and a decision should be made by the middle of February.

Wall or Raised Bank along hedge flood measure The Planning Department are looking at this and a decision should be made a week or so from now.

Battle of Boroughbridge Sign – A meeting is planned for the 27th January when a small working group will meet. There is a possible grant from the Battlefield Trust. If a grant is forthcoming then it was agreed that this should be processed through the books of Langthorpe Parish Council.

Street Lights It was noted that a street light at the entrance to Riverside Gardens has been lit during the day for months. Despite Cllr. Knowles reporting the matter nothing has been done.

Telephone Box – this has been adopted by the Council and all that now remains is that the Parish Council will be liable for the cost of electricity at approximately £17- £20 per annum

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50p.m.

The next meeting will be on the 23rd March, 2010