

8. Finance

Bal. B/fwd. **33383.30**

Less:

E-ON	662.68	
Westcotec (lighting)	250.48	
E. Wymer (expenses)	7.50	
E. Wymer – salary cheque 1341 dated 31/1/14	<u>446.33</u>	
		<u>1366.99</u>

Bal. c/fwd. **£32016.31**

Made up as follows

Saffron Building Society	13658.13 (maturity date 7.11.14.)
Lloyds Gold deposit a/c (Easy saver)	17791.98
Lloyds current a/c	<u>566.20</u>
	<u>32016.31</u>

Above expenditure approved for payment.

Discussion took place with regard to the chairman's e-mail to all councillors to consider funding a kissing gate for common land owned by the Castle Rising Estate to enable access for the general public. At present the access to the land is locked. Voting took place and it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council should not fund such a gate but that the Ramblers Association should pursue if desired.

The chairman/responsible finance officer had circulated a budget for 2014/15 to all councillors. The recommendation was that an increase of 1.07% should be agreed setting the precept at £29,434 + a council tax support grant of £783 to total £30,217.

However, councillors considered that the increase was not sufficient to cover any future expenditure and two further proposals were put forward.

Councillor Edwards proposed, seconded by Councillor Smith, a 3% increase.

Councillor Cox proposed, seconded by Councillor Merrey, a 5% increase.

A vote was taken: 3% increase – 3 votes
5% increase – 5 votes

Therefore the precept will be increased by 5% made up as £30,576 + a council tax support grant of £783, totalling £31,359.

9. Highways -

The chairman is meeting with the Highways Engineers, Sally Bettinson, this week to discuss the SAM signs. South Wootton Parish Council have declined involvement as they are looking into the possibility of having their own community speedwatch.

10. Wootton Park –

The clerk reported that the insurance certificate for the football club has not been provided by its chairman.

Councillor Nurse will contact Mr. Tite, chairman of the football club, to ask if he could attend the next Wootton Park meeting on 28th January to discuss issues between themselves and the two parish councils.

11. Street lighting –

The new column on All Saints Drive is now working.

A column on a grassed area from All Saints Drive through to Gregory Close had come down during December. Westcotec have made safe and a new column will be erected.

12. Planning –

13/01765/F	Mr B Smith	New annexe accommodation
	Silvertrees, Manor Road	

The planning committee had put in a preliminary objection due to time restraints before this meeting. After further discussion the original objections will be resubmitted but it is understood that a revised plan has been sent to the Borough Council. When this is received the planning committee will consider the new plan.

13. The Village

Councillor Kilham gave a brief resume of the meeting on 12th December re the LDF proposals. All present at that meeting were against the development and concern expressed for access either on/off the by-pass from the Knights Hill roundabout to the hospital roundabout or Grimston Road. The minutes will be circulated to all councillors when received by the clerk.

The Clerk extended thanks to Councillor Nurse for organising three replacement lockable noticeboards.

Councillor Smith raised the question of provision for allotments in North Wootton but it was explained that the parish council does not own any land apart from village greens which cannot be used for this purpose.

Councillor Smith thanked the parish council for accepting his application to become a councillor.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm.

..... Chairman Date