



## 7. Financial Statement

The Clerk presented the Financial Statement, as at 31/12/2020. *The balances are:*

- *Current Account: £17,058.65*
- *Business Reserve Account: £18,610.07*

## 8. Payments

The list of payments shown below was presented for discussion and agreement.

<b>Payment Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Clerk's salary for November and December 2020	£352.00	Councillor Owen	Councillor J Rainsbury
Clerk's yearly SLCC membership	£95.00	Councillor Wilcock	Councillor Foster
E.N. Coxhead Ltd	£459.00	Councillor Owen	Councillor Foster

*All payments were unanimously approved.*

## 9. Online banking: update

The Clerk gave an update on the application to switch to Unity Trust Bank. All necessary forms have now been signed and submitted. It is anticipated that the new account will be established in the next week. All signatories (and the Clerk) will receive a letter with instructions of how to access the account. *The Clerk will assist where required. The Clerk will also agree a date for the formal switch from NatWest when all monies, standing orders and direct debits will be transferred.*

## 10. Dob Lane Recreation Ground: update on benches

Councillor J Rainsbury confirmed that South Ribble Borough Council (SRBC) have agreed to install a new picnic bench in the children's play area. He also stated that SRBC have offered an additional (refurbished) bench at an approximate cost of £125.

## 11. Reporting of pot holes

CLlr J Rainsbury referred members to the section on the LCC website for reporting potholes and blocked drains. He had recently reported three potholes, which were dealt with very quickly by LCC. Following on from that, Councillor Owen pointed out that blocked drains can similarly be reported. Associated with that, Councillor Foster commented that she had herself unblocked the drain near the brook and has reported it to the Highways Agency. *The Clerk will add a link to LCC onto the Parish Council website.*

## 12. Review of Christmas lights

Councillor Wilcock said she had received a lot of good feedback from local residents on the Christmas lighting displays and thanked Councillors Dryden and Foster for their hard work. Councillor Foster suggested the possibility of a competition or activity for next year, such as a treasure hunt. *It was agreed to begin planning in June.*

### **13. Wild flowers on village green spaces**

Councillor Wilcock proposed planting wild flowers in and around Dob Lane, on the entrance to the village. Councillor Dryden asked if this would be allowed. Councillor J Rainsbury stated that permission might have to be obtained from SRBC or LCC. *It was requested that the Clerk email LCC with the proposal.*

### **14. Village consultation on future projects**

Councillors Foster and Wilcock have been unable to meet as yet. However, Councillor Foster said that she is keen to involve local teenagers regarding possible projects, such as a shelter around the park benches. A letter objecting to the proposal from Mr F Thompson of 'The Friends of Dob Lane playing field', had been circulated to all members. This was discussed and Councillor J Rainsbury supported the concerns.

A letter from Miss K Wilcock has been received by the Parish Council in support for some form of shelter. *The Clerk will write letters to the two residents to thank them for their comments.*

Councillor Wilcock suggested that the Parish Council engage with the police such as reading reports of crime in the area. Councillor Owen said that the Parish Council should be open minded, gathering views from different interested parties, and to discuss this further at the next meeting.

### **15. New SRBC Community lead for Western Parishes**

Councillor Wilcock suggested inviting the new community lead to one of the next Parish Council meetings. Cllr J Rainsbury informed the committee that he had already spoken to the Officer, who expressed his willingness to attend at some time in the future.

### **16. Speed Indicator signs: update**

Councillor Dryden met Alan Cox from LCC to advise on the most suitable locations of any new Speed Indicator signs. Mr Cox also asked for views from other Parish Councillors. *After some discussion, the view of the Parish Council is to site the new signs on the corner of Liverpool Old Road and Walmer Green.*

### **17. Members additional information**

Councillor J Rainsbury has received the new cheque book which may be needed before the switch to Unity Trust Bank.

Councillor Wilcock requested the Parish Council contact the Environment Agency regarding contamination of the brook, which was reported to them in April 2020. *The Clerk will endeavour to chase this up and report back to the Parish Council.*

### **18. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place by Zoom video conference on Monday 08/02/2021 at 7pm.