

New Reserve Account £5615.02

The Chair and the Clerk applied for the increased rate of 4.75% with 95 days notice and transferred £5615.02 into the new Reserve Account.

We have been informed by Autela that they are no longer running a quarterly payroll and if we wanted to move to a monthly payroll it will cost £18.95 per month, this would be an annual charge of £227.40, compared with the quarterly charge of £37.29 which is £149.16. The Clerk has found a new provider, Yorkshire Payroll Services Ltd based in Leeds who will run the payroll for £10 per Quarter, £40 per annum and can take over from 1st April 2024.

The Precept request was submitted and accepted for £5000 from 1st April 2024. It was agreed that we should place an article in the Warbler in March informing residents of the decrease in precept, appraise them of savings made on the fencing project and inform them of the higher interest on our reserves.

6. **Correspondence:** An email has been received from the PFCC so say that both the NY Police and NY Fire Service were issued with "Cause for Concern" following inspections from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Fire and Rescue Services, in October 2022. The PFCC is reporting that both organisations are working on the issues and improvements already made.

The YLCA Law and Governance Bulletin was sent to all Councillors because of three subjects:

A change in the law about whether Parish Councils can fund work required by a Church in the parish. This primarily for information and it should be noted that if a situation arose the criteria that the funding will benefit the community must be a priority.

New contracts of employment have been produced for new employees of parish councils. Existing employees can remain on their existing contracts.

YLCA are recommending the formation of a Staffing Committee no matter the size of the Council. This committee would be a point of contact on a daily basis for the Clerk if there are any employment issues. The Council decided that it was not necessary to form such a committee, and noted the Clerk's agreement with this.

7. **Planning:** Nothing to report
8. **Police:** Nothing to report
9. **VAS data:** The sign has been at the east end of the village since late November 2023. There were 14447 vehicles through the village in the period from 20th November 2023 till 7th January 2025. The maximum speeder was 60 mph at 16:05 on 8th December 2023, which is a concern. The average speed during the period was 29.6, which is creeping up.
10. **Village Green:** The Clerk has inspected the damage to the fencing in more detail now and the damage can be rectified quite easily. The only section of the fence that needs replacing is one upright, which it turns was rotten below ground. The Clerk salvaged a piece of fencing a couple of years ago, which is in perfect condition and can be cut down to replace the upright, then the straps will need to be replaced but we have spares left over from the work we carried out in September. The new post will need to be painted after installation. Recommend we leave this work until the spring. No body has come forward with any information as to the vehicle that caused the damage.

The meeting closed at 7:30

Next meeting: 18th March 2024