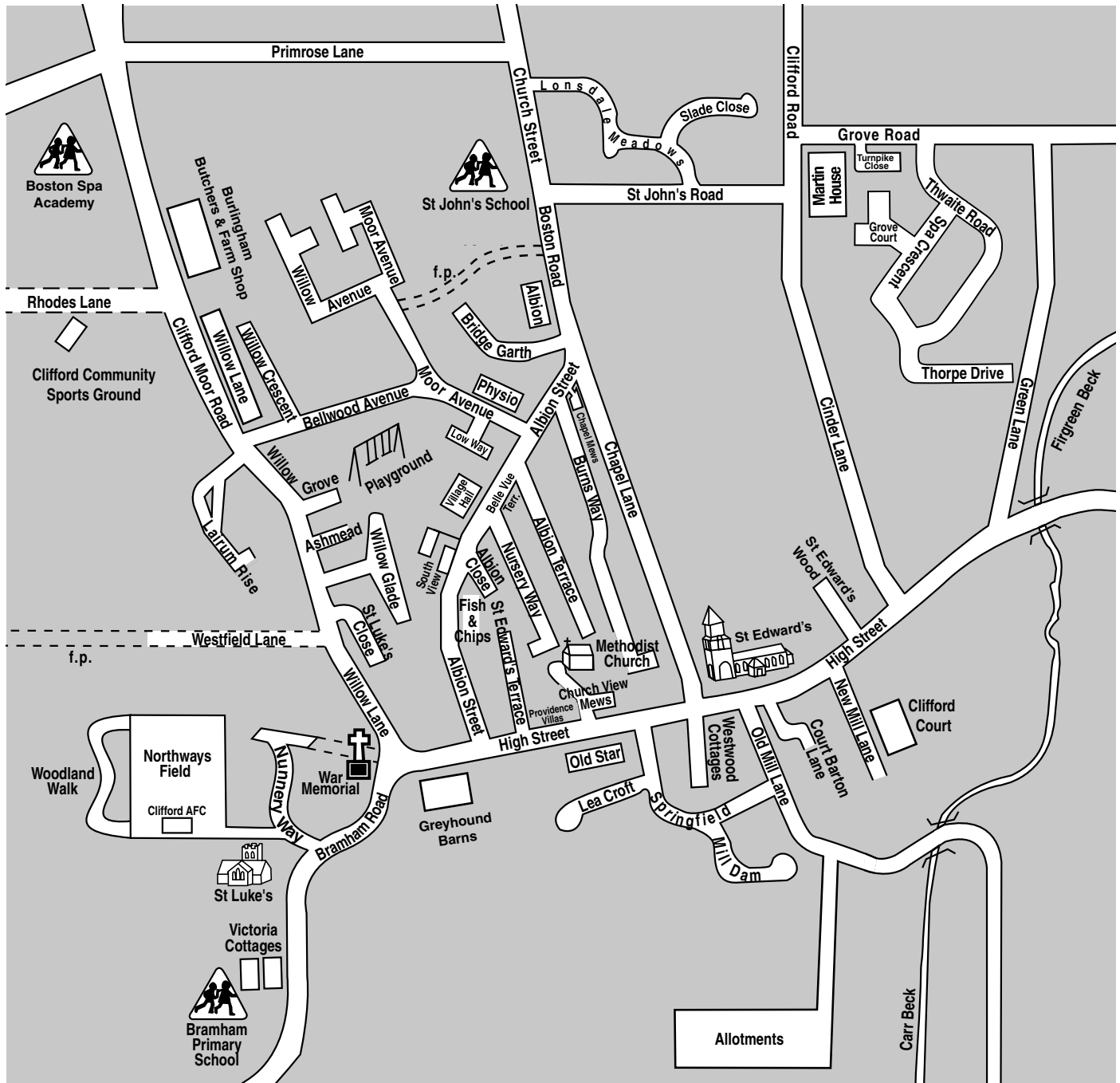


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Meeting dates for 2022

January 19th, February 16th, March 16th, April 20th,
May 18th, June 15th, July 20th, August – no meeting, September 21st,
October 19th, November 16th, December 21st.

Any changes to these dates will be published on www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk

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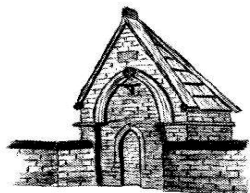
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CLIFFORD WALKERS Nunnington Walk – Thursday 21st April 22

The April walk started in the pretty village of Nunnington which is dominated by Nunnington Hall, now owned by the National Trust. The current house was built in the early 16th Century and the most famous owner was William Parr, brother to Catherine, the last of Henry VIII's six wives. The earliest recorded building on the site was a nunnery from which the name of the village is derived.

The day got off to a good start when the owner of Nunnington Studios and Café who was generously allowing us to use his overflow Car Park greeted us on arrival to check on numbers to ensure there would be sufficient cakes and scones to satisfy our appetites on completion of our walk.

The weather was perfect for walking with clear blue skies all day and very quickly after our start people were stopping to remove surplus layers of clothing. The first couple of miles took us through fields until we stopped for coffee with splendid views over the Vale of York.

After passing the village of Stonegrave we made the gentle climb onto the ridge which gave excellent panoramic views over Helmsley and North Yorkshire Moors to the north and towards Castle Howard in the opposite direction.

We made our way down to the River Rye which gave us the perfect spot for lunch. Making our way back to Nunnington along the river we came across an old Corn Mill and the farmer who had lived and worked on Nunnington Hall Farm since his father had taken over the tenancy in 1958. He kindly offered to show us inside the mill so we could see the mill wheel which he claimed was one of the biggest in the north of England – but not as big as Clifford's. Subsequent research shows that the Mill is a Grade 2 Listed building which was originally built in the mid-18th Century and substantially extended in 1874. The wheel itself is an Undershot Hybrid Wheel which last worked around 1960.

From there we walked back to our cars and enjoyed refreshments in the sunshine in the courtyard café.

Many thanks to Alan and Liz for organising and leading such a lovely day out.

CLIFFORD WALKERS- BISHOP WILTON: Leaders - Liz and Alan Pennington

Date - Thursday 16th June at 10.30 a.m.

Distance - 6.5 miles

Parking - Bishop Wilton Village Hall. We have permission to park there and pay £2 into the honesty box.

Map - OS Explorer 294 Market Weighton & Yorkshire Wolds Central

Lunch - Packed

Refreshments - Village Community shop and café

We climb from the village up onto the edge of the Wolds with views over the vale of York. Descending via Meltonby we return alongside Bishop Wilton Beck.

New to the group? Please ring 01937 842768 beforehand to check these details have not been changed.

CLIFFORD WALKING GROUP - Amblers Section

The walk planned for June will be on Thursday 23rd, starting by car from Clifford Village Hall at 9.45am and travelling to Fairburn Ings. The walk will be about 3 miles in this very interesting area, which takes in pleasant paths, the river and bird watching facilities. Please take a drink and wear suitable clothing and footwear for the current weather. **Ring 01937 842768 for more information.**

OUT AND ABOUT IN CLIFFORD

Railings at St Edward's Church

A couple of stalwart workers have been doing the most tedious job imaginable on the railings of St. Edward's Church. It's a long stretch on the corner of High Street and Chapel Lane. The lads have been working, on and off, for quite a few weeks starting manually to scrape off the existing, rather tired, paint work. They then moved on to using a powered tool and they have done a splendid job on getting down to the bare metal. It looks to be in good condition and, as this is being written in early May, re-painting is well under way.

St. Edward's Church is a major piece of architecture in the village and it's good to see a prominent feature of the surroundings of the building being given proper care.

The Dwarf Wall

One very important feature of the village is the dwarf wall on the west side of Willow Lane running from just below the War Memorial to East View where it blends into the general footway. It is edged with stone slabs and provides a raised pavement most of the way. There is a gap to provide access to Westfield Lane. The two slabs on the corners are in a very vulnerable position and it seems to be an on-going process that they get damaged or loosened.

Recent damage has been treated rather like a pot-hole and the gap is presently filled with tarmac. It is very much to be hoped that this is only a temporary repair and that a new slab will be provided. The wall and raised pavement are important contributors to the character of our historic village and proper treatment should be given.

Red Kites

Ever since these magnificent birds were re-introduced on the Harewood estate, they have steadily extended their presence to the east. It is now clear that they are nesting in the woodland alongside Carr Beck on Old Mill Lane and straddling the border between Clifford and Bramham. There has been some interesting activity in the air around Muddy Lane, groups of a corvid of some type, crows or ravens, seem to be intent on harassing an individual kite. The writer is no ornithologist and leaves it to any knowledgeable village resident to let OUTLOOK know what's going on and it will be published.

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CLIFFORD LADIES Thursday 9th June

Our meeting on 9th June is a Treasure Hunt on foot around Clifford which will, we hope, reveal some interesting facts about the village to participants. On completion of the trail, we will celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with cake at the Methodist Hall.

Please note that this meeting will begin at the Clifford Methodist Church Hall and NOT in the Village Hall. Meet at 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Here is a further date for your diary:
7/7/2022 please note the change of date!

An outing to Lotherton Hall to see an exhibition entitled *What Shall I Wear?* with lunch and a stroll around the gardens. Please contact Helen on 07588602164 for more details and costs, and to arrange transport etc.

Everyone is welcome – you can attend as a visitor for £3.00.

If you require any further information please contact:

Christine Truman (01937 541163)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Clifford Village Show 3rd September in the Village Hall

Open to residents and non- residents.



A full schedule of all the items for the Show has been in Outlook. The full programme with entry details will be posted to all Clifford Residents in late June or early July. Douglas Yeadon in Boston Spa will also have copies of the programme in late June. Families, please encourage your children to enter the children's and teenager's sections.

The Parish Council website will soon have all the information also.

If you want more information contact Jane Davies at janedavies383@btinternet.com or on 01937 842383/07802447272

Don't forget we have a plant stall and a cake stall and will need donations for these stalls. If you are splitting plants or digging them up please pot on some for our stall.

From the Parish Council Meeting on 20th April 2022

Public Participation The public are entitled to be present at any Parish Council Meeting and the public participation session allows them to raise any issues about the parish. The agenda, and minutes of past meeting, are available at www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council meets at 7.30 at Clifford Village Hall The meeting dates for 2022 are: 19th January 16th February 16th March, 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 20th July, August – no meeting, 21st September, 19th October, 16th November and 21st December.



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Building on a long tradition of lighting beacons to mark significant royal celebrations, Clifford is joining other communities across the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth in lighting a Beacon at 9.45 pm on Thursday 2nd June 2022, the first day of the four-day Jubilee Weekend. The beacon is at the Northways Playing field and all residents are welcome to attend.

The Parish Council has purchased Commemorative jubilee mugs to be distributed to all children in Clifford. Details of how to collect the mugs will be published on the Council website

Owen Milligan

After 23 years and 11 months of service Owen Milligan has resigned from the Council. Cllr Fawcett thanked him for his hard work throughout his time as a councillor, particularly as lead member for Planning. Many residents are grateful for the advice he has given them over the years in relation to planning matters.

Northways The Council has made a Planning Application to install a secure barrier at the entrance to Northways car park. Work will begin on the barrier as soon as planning permission is granted. Concrete blocks have been installed as a temporary measure to prevent any unlawful incursions to the Northways playing field.

St Edwards Wood Quotes have been received for play equipment, including a nest swing, trim trail and embankment slide. These will be considered further at the May meeting. The Council has agreed to install signs advising residents that dogs should be kept on a lead in St Edwards Wood.

The Leeds Festival will take place at Bramham Park over the August bank holiday weekend (26 – 28 August 2022) Representatives from the Council have met with Leeds City Council and the festival organisers (Festival Republic) to discuss the impact of the festival on residents. The traffic management plan is being finalised and details of all traffic restrictions and diversions will be published on the Council's website. If there are any issues you would like the council to raise with LCC or Festival Republic about the festival, please contact clerk@parishcouncil.gov.uk

Contacting the Parish Council

If you have any questions or comments for the Parish Council, please contact the clerk at clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk Website: www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk
Subscribe to the website to receive news updates and the meeting agenda each month.



Clifford: impression of aerial view circa. 1952

Clifford was much smaller at the beginning of the Queen's reign!

The first important decision taken after Elizabeth's accession was to decide on the Village Hall project. The starting point was the Queen's coronation on 2nd June 1953

Clifford had set up a committee to organise coronation celebrations. At a Public Meeting in July 1953 it was decided to use the residual balance in the coronation fund (thought to be about £15) to build:

'Queen Elizabeth II Coronation Memorial Hall'

A village hall committee was set up in September 1953. There are records of fundraising events and activities continuing into the early 1960s.

By 1960 sufficient funds had been raised, together with donations and grants received and the land was purchased for £250.

The original build commenced in July 1965 consisting of main hall, toilets, kitchen and a committee room. By this time, the building had become known simply as **Clifford Village Hall**.



In 2006 a pitched roof was added to replace the 1965 flat roof.

Over the years, other community centres have been provided – the Methodist school room and St. Edward's Parish Room.

Colour pages courtesy of Clifford Local History Group in honour of the Platinum Jubilee

The major increase of residential building in Clifford occurred during the 1970s, with the development of the Springfield, Lonsdale Meadows, Bridge Garth, and Lairum Rise houses. Also additional houses were constructed in Nursery Way and Moor Avenue and Willow Avenue.

This later aerial view shows how much land was taken for the expansion

Willow Glade, Old Mill Lane, Burns Way, Nunnery Way, Shires Grove, and St Edward's Wood have since been added.

Old Mill Lane houses of 1989 under construction.



In more recent times Martin House Children's Hospice was opened in 1987

The West Riding County Council chose land in Clifford for their new comprehensive school opened in 1974. It's now known as the Academy.



Notable events during the Queen's reign have, of course, been her jubilees, all of which have been celebrated; with possibly the Silver Jubilee being the most photographed. In 1977 a colourful procession was part of the jubilee celebrations. Street parties were organised for the Golden Jubilee and a celebration for the Diamond Jubilee took place on what is now the Community Sports Field on Rhodes Lane.





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The Choral Society is accompanied by the orchestra of Wetherby Pro Musica and the soloists are Andrea Ryder (*Soprano*) Mark Cunningham (*Tenor*)

Tickets (£17) are available by emailing tickets@wetherbychoral.org.uk, calling 07860 454894, or from Nicolla Florist on Bank Street in Wetherby

Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* was written when the composer was only 20 and this is reflected in the energy and freshness of the work. It was first performed in 1880 but Puccini never published the full manuscript though he did use in some of the work in his operas later and that is evident in the style of this early piece. It was not performed in full again under 1952.

John Rutter's *Magnificat* was completed in 1990 and he said that he took inspiration from the great masterpiece of the same name by JS Bach. Rutter's music is always popular for its tunefulness and wonderful orchestration and beloved by singers and audiences alike.

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Chairman's Report 2022

As I write this report, I hope the worst of the Covid 19 pandemic has passed us by. I know many residents have fallen victim to the virus, the majority recovering but some having long covid and sadly a few no longer with us. My condolences and sympathies to all who have suffered. I, as I am sure we all do, look forward to returning to the new normality of post Covid and getting back to doing the things we previously enjoyed pre Covid.

Residents have often raised concerns regarding traffic in the village, be it stationary or fast-moving vehicles. When the Neighbourhood Plan was written one of the proposed projects listed was a traffic management plan for the village. During the past year your council received communications from many residents about traffic issues and a public meeting was called so residents could voice their concerns. A traffic working group has been formed to look at all aspects of traffic management in the village. Please remember this is a voluntary group of people undertaking the work and it will not be a quick fix project completed in six months but could easily take a couple of years to finalise. I know some residents have objected to cars parked in certain areas and asked if they could be moved and yellow lines installed, sadly all this does is move the problem elsewhere and the calls start from a new group of residents for action. I know our village was not built for the motor cars that are here today so please could I ask all residents to be considerate in where they park their cars and not to block others driveways or block sight lines at junctions of roads. Residents can give input into the plan and on the final plan itself. If you have any suggestions or comments, please email them to the clerk or speak to one of your councillors.

A number of projects are already in the pipeline, the first being the purchase of four fixed speed indicator devices to be fixed to lamp posts around the village. These will record traffic details and speeds so providing information needed to press for action from Leeds City Council and the police. Secondly, Wetherby Ward Councillor Linda Richards has been working with LCC highways on a scheme around the entrance to Bramham Primary School which is in Clifford Parish. This involves new line markings, an additional entrance to the school and footpath improvements in the hope to improve the safety of children walking to school. This work is scheduled to be undertaken during the school summer holidays. Sadly, there appears to be very little able to be done to improve the footpath from Victoria cottages down to the school. It receives 'regular' maintenance from highways involving digging back the verge creep and sweeping of the path. This does not mean the council or LCC will not look at any suggestions put forward to try and address the problem but options appear very limited. Thirdly, your parish council has been asked to contribute towards some footpath improvements outside Boston Spa Academy. This will involve widening the footpath between the school entrance and the Clifford parish boundary of Winnow Lane and the introduction of a crossing near to the bus stops in that area. Not only will this help with the safety of children walking to and from the school but also make it safer for walkers crossing the road at this junction.

In July last year travellers decided to make Northway's playing field their home for a short time. Whilst your parish council does not object to the way these people wish to live, they do object to the damage and mess which they created. Fences were cut down to gain entrance onto the field from the car park, damage was caused to the football pitch by quad bikes and vehicles being driven over it, benches were cut up and used for firewood, a large amount of rubbish left strewn across the area including gas cylinders, T. V's, clothing, general household rubbish and tree pruning, not to mention the used toilet paper and wet wipes when the woodland was used as their toilet. My thanks go to our clerk Nancy for dealing with the bailiffs at all hours of the day and to the volunteers who bravely turned up and cleaned up after the travellers, certainly not an enviable task to do. The whole episode cost your parish council at least £2000 which was not budgeted for in the annual budget. When the parish council were made aware of the same travellers in the area again in recent weeks the parish council took preventative action of hiring in concrete blocks to prevent access onto Northway's car park and playing field. This is a temporary measure but your parish council has a responsibility to protect its assets. In the long term the parish council has applied for planning permission to erect an overhead barrier to reduce the risk of something similar happening again in the future.

2022 marks the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second. An achievement none of us has ever witnessed and one I doubt anyone living today will witness again. To mark the occasion the village beacon will be lit on the evening of Thursday 2nd June at 9.45pm at Northway's playing field as part of the national chain of beacons to celebrate this remarkable achievement. Your parish council is also offering a gift of a souvenir mug to all children in the parish aged sixteen and under on the 2nd June 2022. To apply for this gift please visit the parish council website and register your request. The mug will be delivered to your home around the time of the jubilee weekend. A request was made to residents interested in helping organise additional events to mark the occasion but only one resident came forward to volunteer. Organising events of such scale needs more volunteers to make it happen so sadly there will be only the one public event in the village.

Your parish council continues to work with and be represented on many outside bodies including the Police and Community Together (PACT), Diggle's First Fruits, Yorkshire Local Council Association, National Allotment Society, Outer North East Leeds Town & Parish Council Forum, Charity of Richard Dawson, Clifford Football Club, and Village Hall Management committee to name a few. I thank all individuals and councillors for their time in undertaking these roles.

I would like to thank Clifford Local History Group for their tremendous amount of work in updating the village interpretation board located at the war memorial. It is a fascinating read for anyone visiting or new to our village and shows how well an independent group in the village can work with the parish council in delivering projects for the benefit of the community. Improvements continue at Northway's playing field with the addition of cycle racks to encourage people to cycle to the playing field instead of taking their car. At St. Edward's field new benches have been installed and quotes are being sort for installation of suitable play equipment.

During the last few months two of your parish councillors have resigned from the council due to personal circumstances. I would like to thank Eram Watson who joined the council three years ago as a new resident of Shires Grove. Eram brought with her a valuable knowledge on the legal side of planning which was a great benefit to the work of the council. Eram has moved from the village and I wish her and her family all the very best in their new home. Secondly, Owen Milligan has stood down from the council after just short of twenty-four years on the council. Owen has been chairman of the planning working group for as long as I can recall. His knowledge from his professional career has been so valuable when dealing with planning issues. Owen put in a tremendous amount of work when the Nunnery Way and Shires Grove developments were proposed and I dare to say he visited every site of a planning application in the village when they were received. He spoke to many applicants and neighbours and I know from personal conversations with residents how grateful they were to Owen for his assistance with planning applications. Owen is going to be a very hard act to follow and I personally thank him for all his support to me whilst we have both served on your parish council.

I thank also my fellow parish councillors for all the work they undertake throughout the year. Your council and community would certainly not run or deliver projects if it was not for all the tremendous work they do. Nancy Fairbairn, Clerk to the parish council also deserves to be thanked. Not only does Nancy keep your councillors on the right tracks but deals with emails and telephone calls from residents raising concerns. I thank Nancy for all the work she undertakes.

2023 will be election year for Clifford Parish Council and I would encourage anyone who has or is thinking about possibly standing for council to speak to either one of your councillors or contact the clerk to find out more of what the role involves. Contact details can be found on the parish council website. It can be very frustrating at times, rather mundane some of the time but very rewarding on other occasions.

Once again, I will end this report by thanking all the residents of Clifford for your support throughout the year and for all what you do to make Clifford a place, we call home.

Councillor Nicholas P.P.Fawcett
Chairman of Clifford Parish Council 2021/2022

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2021/2022 (UNAUDITED FIGURES, E. & O.E.)

Balance at 31st March 2021	147,279.00
Add total income	41,261.00
Total income	188,540.00
Deduct total expenditure	40,790.00
Balance at 31st March 2022	147,750.00

represented by:

Bank current account	63,350.00
Santander reserve account	57,208.00
Santander 12 month Bond	27,228.00
Total Cash	147,786.00
less uncleared cheques	36.00
plus uncleared deposits	0.00
	147,750.00

The balance includes the following amounts in earmarked funds

Northways field maintenance & development	9,915.00
Play area repairs & maintenance	21,557.00
Parish repairs & improvements	12,238.00
Parish Celebrations incl Jubilee	1,827.00
St Edward's Wood Greenspace	12,238.00
Allotments incl retained bonds	5,330.00
CIL Funds (Shires Grove)	54,350.00
Total of Earmarked Funds	117,455.00
General Development & Contingency Fund	30,295.00

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The outstanding principal on 31st March 2022 is	26,508.00
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