



being made up by a Government grant. Cllr Tooke said this grant had been withdrawn and he suggested there be a small increase in the precept of 1.9%. He proposed the precept for 2016/17 to be £13,043. Agreed.

**6.6.3.** The precept documents were sign for submission to EHC.

**6.7. Strategic matters**

**6.7.1.** Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Wright referred to the quotations he had received from three consultants for help with preparing a plan which he had circulated to councillors. He thought the Council should accept the quotation from Modicum Planning. This would charge £400 per day which would mean a cost of £2,400 for phase 1 and £6,400 for phase 2 if timings went to schedule. Cllr Wright thought £1,000 would be needed from the Council in 2015/16 with £1,400 needed in 2016/17. Modicum would help in obtaining a grant to cover further costs. Work to organise a community working group would start in January 2016. It was agreed to accept the quotation from Modicum with the understanding that payments would be for preparatory work carried out with no commitment for the future as there was no certainty over whether the community would commit to preparing a Plan.

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**6.8. Highways**

**6.8.1.** Excessive speed of traffic through Cradle End, Bury Green, Acremore Street, Ford Hill, Chapel Lane and C15. The Chair said there had been no progress. She proposed that she form a working party of local residents to investigate possible schemes. Agreed.

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ELW

**6.8.2.** Outstanding road repairs including potholes. Potholes still remain at several sites.

**6.8.3.** Vehicles jumping the A120 traffic lights. Cllr Bhatt said he would investigate whether the timing of the lights could be adjusted.

Action  
CB

**6.9. Environment affairs**

**6.9.1.** Footpaths. Cllr Hoodless said there were no outstanding issues.

**6.10. Groups and Amenities** Cllr Wright said there was nothing to report.

**6.11. Community**

**6.11.1.** Playground repairs. Cllr Tooke said he had two quotes to consider. He hoped to get the repairs carried out before the spring. Cllr Tooke said the playground inspector had agreed the signs to go at the entrances to the playgrounds together with additional, self-adhesive labels for the two basketball hoops. It was agreed that Cllr Tooke would order the signs.

Action  
GT

**6.11.2.** Christmas dinner for senior residents. Cllr Bhatt said he had a steady stream of responses. The Council had received a grant for £500 from EHC.

**6.11.3.** Bury Green. Maintenance of the pond at the north end of the green. The Chair said the pond at the north end of the green had become clogged with weeds. Mrs Carmela Piccolo was pursuing the matter. The Chair said she thought the pond was part of the sewage system used by Farm Place and The Grove.

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ELW

6.11.4. Westland Green Cllr Wilkinson said the byroad across the Green was in need of some repair. From the floor, Mr Steven Stigwood agreed to cut the hedge between the Green and Chapel Lane.

6.11.5. Allotments. The Chair said there was nothing to report.

**6.12. Consultation and Public Relations**

6.12.1. To consider the creation of a new Council Facebook page. The Chair said the Clerk had set up a page which she hoped to use as a noticeboard for the Council.

Action  
ELW

6.13. **Flooding.** Cllr Pearson said there was nothing new to report.

**6.14. Chair's report.**

6.14.1. The Chair said the extra-ordinary meeting in January would give residents time to consider the many documents.

6.14.2. The Chair congratulated Mr Jonathan Forgham on his work organising a work party of Bury Green residents to clear over-growth at the Millennium Wood.

6.14.3. The Chair wished all councillors and residents a happy Christmas.

**6.15. Clerk's Report**

**6.15.1. Financial statement**

**Period ending 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015**

Barclay's Bank C/Acc		£14,680.69
High Interest Acc		£5.19
Business Savings Acc		£170.38
Petty cash		£10.56
Unity Trust Bank		£5,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£19,866.82</b>

**Included above**

EHC	Grant for Christmas dinner	£500.00
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**Uncleared cheques**

Staff salaries	October	£115.59
L Knott, Mower Services	2 grass cuts playing fields	£242.00
	<b>Total uncleared</b>	<b>£357.59</b>

**To be agreed**

**To Pay**

Staff salaries	November	£504.35
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Clerk's expenses	November & December	£32.21
HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE	£239.20
Soc Local Council Clerks	Annual Subscription	£103.00
	<b>Total payments</b>	<b>£1,383.11</b>

**Total in all accounts and petty cash after payment of this month's bills £18,126.12**

6.15.2. Proposed to accept payment of accounts. Agreed.

6.15.3. Proposed to accept the accuracy of the financial statement. Agreed.

- 6.15.4.** Progress on setting up an Account with the Unity Trust Bank. The Clerk said the account was now in use.
- 6.16.** **Planning matters.** The transactions of the Planning Committee were noted.
- 6.17.** **Correspondence**  
CPRE Fieldwork magazine **CB**  
CPRE Countryside Voice magazine **ELW**
- 6.18.** **Date of extra-ordinary Council meeting – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**
- 6.19.** **Date of next ordinary Council meeting – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.**
- 6.20.** **The Chair closed the meeting to the Public and the Press at 9:01 p.m.**