



5.7	<b>The Mere:</b> Mr Williams has now removed the fence and some cherry tree saplings alongside the Mere. Council felt that a fence is important on this ancient Roman and Memorial way and will look into the cost of replacing it on the common land.	NM										
6	<b>Finance:</b>											
6.1	<b>Payments for approval:</b> Council approved the following invoices:											
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	Clerk reported that the current account balance is £3314.51 as at 11 May 2017 and the deposit account balance is £5574.26.											
6.2	Council approved <b>Clerk's salary</b> for the period 23 March to 11 May 2017 (7 weeks) - £315 and office service charge for March/April 2017 - £40.											
6.3	<b>Internet banking:</b> NM to request bank to set up a facility for clerk to view statements online.	NM										
6.4	<b>Audit:</b>											
6.4.1	Clerk presented and Council approved the annual governance statement 2016/17 followed by the accounting statements 2016/17 which were duly signed by the chairman (NM), the clerk/responsible financial officer (AM) and the internal auditor (JJ).	AM										
6.4.2	Clerk reported that since taking office, she had been unable to find an asset register amongst parish council files and had consequently, drafted one from looking at the old cashbook. Councillors reviewed previous assets from this draft and agreed that all but the recent purchases of picnic tables and football goalposts should be written off. Clerk to complete the asset register accordingly.  Clerk to submit the annual return to BDO, the external auditor, by Monday 22 May 2017 and to display notification of the public right to view the accounts by Monday 5 June 2017.	AM										
7	<b>Planning:</b> P17/S1554/FUL: Larkstoke Farm, proposed conversion, part of barn, to 3 bedroom dwelling (re-application following withdrawal of P16/S1554/FUL)  Council considered that this planning application should be refused (as previously) on the grounds that the site is agricultural land in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is outside the developed village area.											
8	<b>Any Other Business:</b> Website: The long-term viability of the village website was discussed as the software is no longer supported. Clerk agreed to look into the possibility of obtaining funding to help with setting up a new parish council website in order to comply with the Transparency Code.	AM										
9	<b>Date of next meeting:</b> The next meeting of the Ipsden Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 25 July 2017 at 6.30pm in the Ipsden Memorial Hall.											
	The meeting closed at 20.00.											

Approved by:

Date:

(Chairman)