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The Chairman will speak to residents who may be interested in volunteering. The Clerk will present the emergency plan at the next meeting and the Snow Plan can be created following this.

**5445. Queens Jubilee Tree**

Councillors discussed options for planting the saplings received from The Woodland Trust. The Crab Apple and Rowan may be suitable near the wildflowers, the Hazel may be suitable to plant at the bottom edge of the green. The Chairman will look at this further.

**5446. Follow up from presentation by Ros Davies – the Parish Paths Liaison Officer**

The Clerk will look over the application form received and see what information is required to repair the gate/post which is broken on the footpath from the village to Rexton.

**5447. Accounts due for payment.**

Clerks Wages - £286.00

Clerk Expenses (postage of letters to residents notifying them of the defibrillator) - £26.40

Dan Genders (grass cutting) - £384.00

Accounts proposed by Cllr Wonnacott, seconded by Cllr Nobbs. Carried nem.com.

**5448. To Receive Correspondence**

Holsworthy Rural Community Transport sent a letter of thanks for the recent grant. They have said that the service is well used in Broadwoodwidge and will provide a link to the timetable that can be shared on the Parish website.

**5449. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had received positive feedback regarding the flagpole that was in place for Remembrance Day and thanked Cllr Stratton for arranging it.

**5450. Clerk's Report**

The Council laptop used by the Clerk is incredibly slow now. The Clerk will obtain quotes for a replacement.

**5451. Exchange of Information.**

Cllr Worden raised that the history group had agreed to cease meeting but would like the information from their website to continue to be available to the public. The Clerk will investigate transferring this to the Parish website.

The pathway down to the Community Hub has become very slippery. The Chairman will investigate a solution for this.

**5452.** Next meeting to be held in the Village Hub on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm

**5453. Close**

The meeting was closed at 8.20pm.