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Dear Mrs Selby Heard,

\*\* Without Prejudice\*\*

I refer to your letter dated 8 February 2018 regarding an alleged payment to Shillingford St George Parish Council, of £923.67 in 2013. I enclose the Parish Council bank statements for 2013 and as you can see, no such payment has been made to the Parish Council bank account. I have checked the statements for 2012 and 2014 and can confirm there has been no deposit of this amount into the Parish Council account during those periods.

It is concerning that it has taken the Trustees 5 years to discover that their bank account has been closed. It further demonstrates the lack of governance within the Trust. Had the requirement to publish financial accounts on an annual basis been complied with, this issue would have been apparent at the end of the financial year in question.

It may be that the monies were paid into an HSBC account belonging to another organisation or individual. If you still believe the payment to have been made to the Parish Council, please supply me with audited financial records which show the exact payment, reason for payment and date and I would be happy to investigate further.

Your sincerely

Sarah Sharpe (on behalf of the parish council)

Parish Clerk