

FENSTANTON PARISH COUNCIL

124TH ASSEMBLY of the PARISH – Thursday 16 May 2019

Responsible Financial Officer's Report 31 March 2018 to 1 April 2019

The internal audit has taken place and the accounts will be presented at next week's meeting for signing and adoption.

The Parish Council increased the Precept by 4% for the financial year which gave the PC the sum of £64,012.00. We do have a £28,000 deficit on the general income and expenditure account which will be covered from general reserves. However, the PC is well within the advised six month's work of 'spend' (minimum three months).

Expenditure increased. In particular and like last year General Purposes expenditure saw a marked rise - this was again due to increased village maintenance costs. The majority of payments were to our village grounds man Martin but he does many ad hoc repair and maintenance jobs. We have awarded our grass cutting contract to Martin to ensure the best value for money in the future.

The General Reserve fund has gone down this year and stands at £26,814 but our total reserves (those that are earmarked) are in a healthy position at £35,983.

The PC has two smaller accounts – the Pitfield Fund which stands at just under £19K and the Youth Club fund stands at just over £2,400.

Receipts to the PC are limited as you know – precept, CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy from developments in the parish) – and some small receipts from memorial headstones although we did refund one purchased plot last year.

CIL investment began last year with seed funding amounts used by the PC when applying (successfully) to the Mick George Community Fund for the Outdoor Adult Gym, Chequer Street Playground refurbishment and the restoration of the village pond to its former condition and upgrade of the area surrounding the Clock Tower. We also used CIL funds to repair the erosion to Parish green kerbs and install the Pitfield Playground

The following grants were decided:

£137

£250 – Friendship Group towards annual programme of speakers

£250 - Rainbow Guiding Group

£19

£500 - Village Sports Day Committee

£500 - Fenstanton Youth Football Club

A donation was made to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal (£137 payment) by way of the usual Poppy Wreath purchase and in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the First World War we asked Martin to replant and tidy up the memorial garden and the area around the monument.