

Finance Report for the Year 2015/2016

This report looks at what your Parish Council has done from the perspective of its finances for the year to 31st March 2016.

The accounts show the precept and expenditure for each committee as follows:

	<u>Precept</u> £	<u>Expenditure</u> £
Policy and Resources	199,500	171,428
Burials and Properties	8,600	43,659
Economic and Community Development	7,000	10,279
Environmental Management	66,000	47,735
Planning/Preservation/Housing	2,000	3,281
General, including Contingency Fund	5,000	-
	<hr/> 288,100	<hr/> 276,382
Earmarked Funds not spent from 2015/16 Budget (put aside for future projects) including Car Parks (£25,800):		£75,650

Total earmarked funds for future repairs etc. to the car parks now stand at £96,800.

Our staff – the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, Vestry Hall Caretakers and Parish Warden (self-employed) – are our most essential resource and we could not run the Council without them. Our staffing costs, including National Insurance and pensions amounted to £96,039.

Other significant items of expenditure were as follows:

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Insurances	9,269
General Administration	12,019
Street Lighting	14,754
Vestry Hall - Rates & Utilities	8,194
- Repairs, Maintenance & Cleaning	7,655
Bus Shelters, Benches & Noticeboards	4,760
Community Centre	6,216
Website update & maintenance	1,560
Burial Grounds – Business Rates	1,996
Golford Cemetery – New Fence	3,840

St. Dunstan's Churchyard – Work to trees	1,200
Information Centre – Repairs & maintenance	1,299
General Maintenance of Cemeteries & Churchyard	2,707
Contracts for maintenance of Grounds, Cemeteries, & War Memorial	34,190
Playground Equipment – maintenance	1,243
Recreation Grounds – Repairs & Maintenance	1,928
Crane Valley – Upkeep of Nature Reserve	3,500
Car Parks	24,202
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	6,522
Election Costs	2,033
Crane Valley Drainage & brook clearance	12,575
Vestry Hall Roof repairs	3,005
New Tourism Leaflets	3,757
Planning Appeal	3,281

These and all our other payments were funded by the precept, various grants, monies earmarked in previous years and the following income:

	£
Bank Interest	824
Rents Received	3,961
Hire of Vestry Hall and Council Chamber	23,208
Burial Fees	9,165
Tomlin Murton Playing Field Trust	6,000
Grant towards New Bus Shelter	4,300

At the end of the year there was £282,490 held as a reserve earmarked for future specified expenditure, and £122,914 held as a general reserve.

The accounts are examined twice a year by our Auditor from Kent County Council and then sent as part of our Annual Return to the Accountants appointed by the Audit Commission for approval. Once approval has been received the accounts are available for inspection at the Parish Council Office.

Cllr. Brian Swann
Vice Chairman – Policy and Resources Committee