

Explanation of Significant Variances 2019/20 for

STRATTON PARISH COUNCIL

Year Ending 31 March 2020

Explanation of Significant Variances between Year 2018/19 and Year 2019/20

Receipts

- Precept
The Precept increased from £9,600 in 2018/19 to £9,830 in 2019/20, an increase of £230.

Grants

No grants were received during 2019/20, while £250 had been received in 2018/19, a decrease of £250.

- VAT
The amount of VAT reclaimed increased from £472 in 2018/19 to £870 in 2019/20, an increase of £398.

Overall income increased from £10,892 to £11,562, an increase of £670.

Payments

- Planning Gain
A total of £1,409 was spent on various Parish improvements from the CIL Neighbourhood Proportion payment received in 2017/18, while £2,580 had been spent in 2018/19. A decrease of £1,171.

- Parish Clerk
Unfortunately, the Parish Clerk passed away in late August 2019. No new Parish Clerk has yet been appointed. The Clerk's salary was only paid for five months an amount of £648 compared with £1,481 in 2018/19. A decrease of £833.

Computer

A new computer was purchased in 2018/19 for £639, no similar expenditure was made in 2019/20, although a contribution to Reserves was made of £250. A decrease of £389.

Wreath Railings

Expenditure was made of £279 on new wreath railings in 2018/19, no similar expenditure was made in 2019/20. A decrease of £279.

Annual Carol Event

Expenditure was made of £150 on a local band for a carol service event in 2018/19, no similar expenditure was made in 2019/20. A decrease of £150.

- Grounds Maintenance
One Contractor had a serious accident in June and was unable to complete his contract. Replacement Contractors were used to meet some of the work at a cost of £2,563 in 2019/20 compared with £3,723 in 2018/19. A decrease of £1,160.

Overall expenditure decreased from £13,006 to £9,067, a decrease of £3,939.

Notes

The Parish holds substantial reserves from a Planning Gain, income from the capital can only be spent on the maintenance of public open spaces.