

## Explanation of Significant Variances 2020/21 for

### **STRATTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Year Ending 31 March 2021

Explanation of Significant Variances between Year 2019/20 and Year 2020/21

#### **Receipts**

##### Precept

The Precept increased from £9,830 in 2019/20 to £9,980 in 2020/21, an increase of £150.

##### Donations

Donations of £400 were received towards the cost of a public bench. No donations were received in 2019/20, an increase of £400.

Overall income increased from £11,562 to £12,090, an increase of £528.

#### **Payments**

##### Planning Gain

A total of £300 was spent on repairs to the Millennium map stand from the CIL Neighbourhood Proportion payment received in 2017/18, while £1,409 had been spent on other improvement projects in 2019/20. A decrease of £1,109.

##### Parish Clerk

Unfortunately, the Parish Clerk passed away in late August 2019, No Parish Clerk was appointed during 2020/21. Only a part year payment of £648 was made in 2019/20, whereas no payments at all were made in 2020/21. A decrease of £648.

##### Millennium Map Stand

Repairs have been made to the Millennium map stand after the legs had rotted. Repairs to the map stand cost £1,938. After disregarding the contribution of £300 from the CIL Neighbourhood Proportion an increase in 2020/21 of £1,638.

##### Grounds Maintenance

New contractors were used to carry out basic grounds maintenance, together with a new schedule of requirements, including additional hedge cutting and ditch clearance. Cost of £3,814 in 2020/21 compared with £2,563 in 2019/20. An increase of £1,251.

Overall expenditure increased from £9,067 to £10,004, an increase of £937.

#### **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.