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Conserving our Past Building our Future

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Notes to 2019/20 Accounts

Income variances

During the year the following Variances/additions to normal Income occurred

1. Thompsons, the local Quarry Company, gave the Council 2 grants from their Community Fund, a total of £13,825, up by 22.4% from the previous years total of £11,550. This income is determined by how much added removal/tonnage from the quarry the company makes.
2. During the year the Council agreed to 3 junior Girls Football team using the park Field, this brought the fees from football up from £300 to £750, this however will reduce to the normal £300 as the Girls teams have returned back to Durham Area for the forthcoming season.
3. The precept and LGSG have been accounted for separately, and attached to the appendices is a copy of the DCC Invoice covering this.

Expenditure variances

1. Box 4, salaries has fallen by 17.1%. This is due to substantive Clerk being on half pay for a period of the time, and after he left in December paying for only 1 Clerk as opposed to 2 in the previous year
2. 2 litter bins were purchased during the year at a cost of £902 and these have been added to the Asset Register
3. Damage occurred to The Pavilion, the football changing facilities, which included the need to totally replace the front shutters. The additional cost of this remedial work amounted to 2558, the shutter repair alone amounted to £2388. A user Sub-Committee has been set up, comprising of Councillors and

user group representatives to manage the facility and especially post Covid Lockdown use.

4. During the year, the main expenditure has been the Environmental Contract, a cost of £34,125. This amounts to 70% of the Council precept. A monthly monitoring report is submitted by the contractor and agreed by Council. During the year, the Council also took on the grass cutting of the Cemetery, formally undertaken by Parish Volunteers. The cost during the year being £120.

5. Environmental Contract review. The Contract expired as of March 31st, 2020. Council advertised via The Northern Echo, a cost of £292, for Expressions of Interest. 4 Companies expressed an interest, but only 1 submitted a tender. After full interview process S.E. Landscape Ltd were re-appointed for a further 3-year period. A yearly review has been built in to the contract also.

6. Section 137 payments. The following payments were made under this power for the current year (based upon 1021 electors)
 - a. £500 towards Village Horticultural Show
 - b. £40 to the Royal British Legion for poppy wreaths
 - c. £360 to assist the Bowling Club with transport
 - d. £990 to assist the Village Hall with Solicitors Fees. This is the only Community Building in the Parish, and they were negotiating extension to their lease with DCC

A total spends of £1890.

7. Firework Display

Due to the success of the previous year an additional spend of £300 was made to extend and improve the display. It is envisaged, COVID allowing to repeat in the current year.