

## APPENDIX A

### RFO (Responsible Financial Officer) – Report on Accounts 2019/20

The Parish Council has asked me to present the account to you as RFO to the Council.

Please refer to the figures on your screen for clarification,

Income is showing slightly down compared to 2018/19. The allotment rent applies to the Gassons allotments – last year included some Village Centre allotment payments which were transferred to the village centre. The Precept was increased by approx 7%, the cemetery income has increased and we have received grants in from Hayes Palmer for St Filica towards the trailer which has been passed over and £1000 from WODC towards costs on the bund. VAT refund was also received for £786.09 for 2018/19. This gives a total income of £20,329.00

Expenditure-This shows a decrease compared to last year due to the large donations received and paid out. The Clerks wages rose with the SLCC pay guidelines, Groundsmans wages are showing as lower as Chris Maunder left in September 2019. Last year Data protection infrastructure was put in place, this year we just have the ICO subscription to pay. Admin costs are showing as increased, this includes some charges for setting up meetings for the engagement of a Community Led Plan Committee. Village expenses this year include, defibrillator supplies, new road signs for Rouses Lane and Hazells Lane and a donation to the Villager bus service. Maintenance costs were high this year, this was due to the tree works at Hardcastles Field and Vale Wood which had not taken place for many years.

The year 2019/20 is showing a surplus of £2500, this is mainly due to the donation of £1000 towards the bund, the decrease in the cost of the new street light at Hazells Lane and not having a Groundsman from October to March.

Although the balance at the end of the year is £52,406.43 there is £27,779.71 which is allocated to different projects – This leaves a reserve of £24,626.72. The External Auditor- Moore Stephens recommends a years' precept is kept in reserve so this is just over that amount.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gill Pagett for carrying out the Internal Audit again this year.

With regards to the Village Centre Trust.

Receipts – The allotment rent is showing as zero as the monies were not banked before the end of the year so will show in next years accounts, Post Office is raised as it shows one quarters rent from last year. The swimming pool membership was up last season helped by the good weather

Expenditure – is showing as decreased as there were some large expenses last year. The main decrease was the village centre repairs with just roof repairs carried out this year. The payover to the Swimming Club of some £3000 is being held on to currently – as the pool is not open and we do not know if it will re open in 2020 there are still chemicals and maintenance to be paid for. This will be balanced out in next years accounts.

With the brought forward balance and income and expenditure it gives a balance of £23,162.43, £3000 of which is owed to the swimming club and £12,000 is for renovations for the Village Centre. This leaves a reserve of £8162.43 in reserve.