

Great Bedwyn Parish Council

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21 Variances

Precept	2020	2021	Variance	%
	18000	20000	2000	11%

Budget Report 2020/21

'In line with the budget principles 20/21 regular expenditure is balanced with income.

The income is formed from a precept of £20,000, allotment income of £1,250 (including bad debt) and reduction in reserve of £1,685. Regular expenditure is 1.9% higher than previous year and a breakdown of this is shown in the subsequent 'Combined Expenditure' section.

The proposed regular expenditure has been scrutinized in line with the principles previously discussed and it is required to be spent for the benefit of the community.

In line with the budget principles, as much of the reserves as possible, after meeting the parish's spending requirements, are transferred to regular expenditure, in order to minimise the precept. As forecast in last year's budget, precept will be returning to £20000 in 20/21 (it was reduced from £20000 in 18/19 to £18000 in 19/20). It is forecast that the precept will increase to £21,500 in 21/22 and £23,000 in 22/23.

The impact of the precept change combined with a decrease in the taxbase from 576.47 to 575.53 will result in an annual precept of £34.75 per band-D parish household which is an increase of £3.53 compared to 19/20.'

Box 3 - Total other receipts	2020	2021	Variance	%	
Community Infrastructure Levy	19878.54	23191.62	3313.08	17%	CIL receipts set by Wiltshire Council
Interest Received	145.88	93.66	-52.22	-36%	Interest rates low
Vat Refund	0.00	2011.02	2011.02	N/A	in 2020 the date of the VAT reclaim was moved to April of each year. £2011.02 is the claim for 2019/20.
Allotment Rental	1224.32	1633.35	409.03	33%	Rent increase and all allotments rented.
Allotments other income	0.00	90.00	90.00	N/A	One off income - allotment holders donated money to the Council water tanks left on an abandoned allotment.
Allotment Deposit	100.00	170.00	70.00	70%	New allotment holders
Total other income	21348.74	27189.65	5840.91		
Total Income	39348.74	47189.65	7840.91		

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Box 4 - Staff Costs	2020	2021	Variance	%	
Clerk's Salary	8793.12	7165.56	-1627.56	-19%	No additional hours in 2020/21
Use of Home as Office	70.00	80.00	10.00	14%	Annual increase
	8863.12	7245.56	-1617.56	N/A	

Box 6 - Other Expenses	2020	2021	Variance	%	
Professional Fees - Payroll Services	360.00	375.00	15.00	4%	
Staff travel costs	65.07	0.00	-65.07	-100%	No travel costs in 2020/21
Subscriptions	622.73	713.26	90.53	15%	Subscriptions cost more in 2020/21
Audit Fees	840.00	570.00	-270.00	-32%	Less hours spent on audit due to Clerk providing all the information.
Insurance	804.65	804.65	0.00	0%	
Printing, Postage & Stationary	41.42	35.94	-5.48	-13%	The Council purchased less paper this year.
Website	215.00	315.00	100.00	47%	Additional costs for website accessibility.
Village handyman	400.00	425.00	25.00	6%	The Council cut more hedges this year.
Grass Cutting	4364.00	4364.00	0.00	0%	
G R Stone & Son - Hedge Cutting	220.00	220.00	0.00	0%	
Open Spaces Consumables	55.90	16.99	-38.91	-70%	The Council spent less on flowers this year.
Allotment expenses and waste management	921.60	1218.43	296.83	32%	Increased costs due to allotment clearance programme in 2020/21
Allotment Rent	1000.00	500.00	-500.00	-50%	No outstanding rent from previous years to pay in 2020/21
Allotment Refunds	25.00	0.00	-25.00	-100%	No refunds in current year.
Phone Box Restoration	110.00	0.00	-110.00	-100%	No phone box repairs in 2020/21
Sub total	10045.37	9558.27	-487.10		

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Other Expenses (continued)	2020	2021	Variance	%	
Subtotal b/fwd	10045.37	9558.27	-487.10		
Playground Maintenance	1052.83	2242.77	1189.94	113%	Increase due to equipment and fence repair in 2020/21.
St Mary's churchyard maintenance - treeworks for Yew Tree. Local Government Act 1972. s. 214	1290.00	845.00	-445.00	-34%	Each cost is a one off item so are not comparable.
Village Hall blinds - purchased by the Parish Council and donated to the Village Hall Committee Local Govt. (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976	345.94	-345.94	-691.88	-200%	Cheque for blinds written off as the supplier never cashed it.
Village Hall blinds - purchased by the Parish Council and donated to the Village Hall Committee Local Govt. (Misc. Provisions) Act 1976	0.00	127.13	127.13	N/A	Grant for blinds.
Great Bedwyn Footpaths Group	0.00	1500.00	1500.00	N/A	Grant to pay for footpath maintenance.
St Mary's Church - S. 137 grant for bell restoration.	0.00	1000.00	1000.00	N/A	One off grant for restoration of bell.
Friendship and Mobility Group - Local Govt (Misc Provisions) Act 1976	350.00	0.00	-350.00	-100%	No grant in 2021
Great Bedwyn Playgroup - Local Govt. (Misc Provisions) Act 1976	1200.00	0.00	-1200.00	-100%	No grant in 2022
Village Hall Grant - Local Govt (Misc Provisions) Act 1976	200.00	300.00	100.00	50%	Grant for cinema.
Village Hall - Boiler	0.00	6698.33	6698.33	N/A	Payment made from CIL fund for costs towards new air-source hybrid heating system for the village hall.
Village Hall - refurbishment	0.00	910.22	910.22	N/A	Payment made from CIL fund towards Village Hall refurbishment costs.
Allotment noticeboard - fixed asset	0.00	282.29	282.29	N/A	New noticeboard
Donation to Wiltshire Search and Rescue - paid under Section 137 of	500.00	0.00	-500.00	N/A	No grant in 2021
Input vat	1712.65	1484.10	-228.55	-13%	Less vatable expenses in 2019/20
Total other expenses	16696.79	24602.17	7905.38	47%	

Total Expenses	31847.73
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