

Great Bedwyn Parish Council

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2017/18 Variances

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	Variances	%
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>		
Balance Bfwd	27110	21907		
Precept	14897	18000	3103	21%
Other Receipts	7263	19356	12093	166.50%
Staff Costs	6128	4684	-1444	21%
Interest Payments	0	0		0
All other payments	21235	25690	4455	-23.56%
Balances c/fwd	21907	28889		
Total value of cash	21907	28889		
Total fixed assets	59553	59973	420	0.70%
Total borrowings	0	0		0

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Precept	2017	2018	Variance	%
	14897	18000	3103	21%

The Council agreed to increase the precept in 2017/18 for the following reason -

Quote from Budget Report for 2017/18 - 'Looking at the total picture we see regular income at £16,587 and regular expenditure at £20,614 and therefore a deficit of £4,027. This gap is very significant. In line with the principals discussed above we must generally ensure that regular expenditure is matched by regular income to remain solvent. All the regular expenditure has been scrutinized...and it is felt is required to be spent for the benefit of the community. Therefore, it is proposed that £3,000 of the deficit come from an increase to precept and £1,027 of the deficit to be taken from reserves. Using reserves to pay for a significant portion of the deficit is not wise as it is not sustainable. It is therefore reasonable to request such an increase in precept. This precept increase translates to an average cost increase for each household of £5.09 per annum (42p per month)'.

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Box No 3. - Total Other Receipts	2017	2018	Variance	%	
Top up Grant	103.46	0.00	-103.46	N/A	No top up grant in 2017/18
Community Infrastructure Levy	0.00	4912.29	4912.29	N/A	Money rec'd via Wiltshire Council for CIL
Interest Received	7.24	7.28	0.04	1%	
Pewsey Area Board Grant	2270.00	0.00	-2270.00	N/A	One off grant in 2017
North Wessex Downs Landscape Tru	0.00	1874.00	1874.00	N/A	Grant for Phone Box restoration - spent in 2018/19
WALC - Transparency Grant	954.54	0.00	-954.54	N/A	One off grant in 2017
Groundworks	800.00	8200.00	7400.00	925%	Grant for Neighbourhood plan - increased costs in 2018/19
Vat Refund	1280.68	3186.86	1906.18	149%	Vat refund higher due to increase in expenses. Includes £1269.16 input vat for Neighbourhood Plan expenses.
Allotment Rental	1017.00	926.00	-91.00	-9%	Rental income lower due to debtors of £100 at 31/3/2018
Allotment Deposit	225.00	50.00	-175.00	-78%	Decrease in new rental income in 2018
Community Fun day Teas	135.60	0.00	-135.60	N/A	Monies received from one off event in 2017
CPRE - Best Kept Village prize	80.00	200.00	120.00	150%	Village one first prize in 2017/18
Surgery - Contribution to Neighbourhood Coordinator	390.00	0.00	-390.00	N/A	Neighbourhood Coordinator scheme finished in 2017
	7263.52	19356.43	12092.91	166%	

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Staff Costs	2017	2018	Variance	%	
Clerk's Salary	5379.22	4683.61	-695.61	-13%	Clerk resigned mid-year and not replaced hence salary reduction
Overtime	748.38		-748.38	N/A	No overtime in 2017/18
	6127.60	4683.61	-1443.99	-24%	

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Other Expenses	2017	2018	Variance	%	
working from home	100.00	35.00	-65.00	-65%	Clerk employed in 2017 claimed higher working from home expenses than new clerk.
Staff travel costs	92.10	134.26	42.16	46%	Increase due to travel to staff training, archive, Area Board meetings
Staff training	440.00		-440.00	N/A	Costs paid in 2017 were in advance for 2018 training.
Councillor Training	145.00		-145.00	N/A	No councillor training in 2018
Subscriptions	638.75	585.77	-52.98	-8%	
Audit Fees	300.00	540.00	240.00	80%	Increase due to change of Internal Auditor
Insurance	782.74	824.19	41.45	5%	
Printing, Postage & Stationary	282.83	114.96	-167.87	-59%	Reduction in PPS in 2017/18
Village Hall Rental	101.50	138.25	36.75	36%	Increase due to additional committee meetings
Website	680.00	125.00	-555.00	-82%	2018 - website maintenance only. 2017 included cost of new website
Village Handyman	2054.40	410.00	-1644.40	-80%	2018 - regular handyman no longer carried out work for council
Grass Cutting	4120.00	4120.00	0.00	0%	
G R Stone & Son - Hedge Cutting	440.00	0.00	-440.00	N/A	2017 = 2016+2017 invoices. 2018 invoice paid post year end.
Best Kept Village award ceremony expenses		86.14	86.14	N/A	One off payment due to village winning first prize
Wilts Council waste sacks		174.50	174.50	N/A	Council sacks purchased every other year
Consumables	223.06	13.80	-209.26	-94%	Reduction in consumable because of loss of handyman
Councillor Expenses	140.81		-140.81	NA/	No Councillor expenses in 2018
Allotment Rent	500.00	250.00	-250.00	-50%	Only one payment made in 2018. £250 outstanding at end of 2018.
Allotment Refunds	50.00		-50.00	N/A	No deposit returns in 2018
Allotment Gates	324.71		-324.71	N/A	One off expense in 2018
New Fence - PC shed		420.00	420.00	N/A	One off expense in 2018 Addition to Fixed Assets
Sub total	11415.90	7971.87	-3444.03		

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Other Expenses (continued)	2017	2018	Variance	%	
Subtotal b/fwd	11415.90	7971.87	-3444.03		
Playground Maintenance	716.83	3337.50	2620.67	366%	Playground equipment underwent major repairs in 2018 to replace rotting wooden posts.
Good neighbours scheme	660.00		-660.00	N/A	Scheme not running in 2018
Great Bedwyn Neighbourhood Development Plan	3112.32	8465.14	5352.82	172%	Increase in expenses - covered by grant received.
S137	90.00		-90.00	N/A	No S137 payments in 2018
Community Fun day Local Govt (Misc Provisions) Act 1976	2525.17		-2525.17	N/A	One off event in 2017
Youth Group - Local Govt. (Misc Provisions) Act 1976	600.00	1400.00	800.00	133%	Grant of £1200 agreed for 2017/18 + £200 outstanding at end of 2016/17 paid in 2017/18
Link Scheme - Local Govt Rating Act 1997	350.00	300.00	-50.00	-14%	Link Scheme asked for smaller grant in 2017/18
Friendship and Mobility Group - Local Govt (Misc Provisions) Act 1976		100.00	100.00	N/A	Grant paid to new community group which was set up in 2017/18
Great Bedwyn Playgroup - Local Govt. (Misc Provisions) Act 1976		250.00	250.00	N/A	Grant paid to playgroup
Cricket Club Donation - Local Govt (Misc Provisions) Act 1976		120.00	120.00	N/A	Donation paid for use of Cricket Club for Council committee meetings.
Village hall sound system - Local Govt (Misc Provisions) Act 1976		260.00	260.00	N/A	Grant towards sound system/hearing loop for village hall
St Katherine's Churchyard - LGA 1972 s.214 (6)		200.00	200.00	N/A	Grant towards maintenance of churchyard
vat	1765.39	3285.61	1520.22	86%	Higher input vat due to higher vatable costs.
	21235.61	25690.12	4454.51	21%	