

Quethiock Parish Council

Schedule of Variances to the Income and Expenditure Account 2020-21

Explanatory Note: This schedule compares income and expenditure in 2020-21 to that in the previous year, 2019-20 (shown in italics in brackets). References to “boxes” are to box numbers on page 6 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020-21 Part 2. Figures are rounded to the nearest pound.

1. Income: 2020-21 £18830 (2019-20 £10370) Overall increase £8460

1.1 Precept £9861 (£8562) and CTS Grant £155 (£204):

The precept was based on expected expenditure. In the event expenditure funded by the precept/CTS grant was less than expected. This has been reflected in a reduced precept for the year 2021-22. It will be noted that the amount of the CTS grant continues to decline.

1.2 Community Benefit: £8812.86 (£nil): The sum received reflects the collection in 2020-21 of CB funds for both 2019-20 and 2020-21

1.3 Local Maintenance Partnership grant (for footpath maintenance) £nil (£1603): The annual grant is c. £560. Monies recovered last year related to that year and two previous years. The current year's grant was not claimed until after the year end and should therefore be received in 2021-22.

1.4 Bank Interest: remains negligible £0.59 (£1.11)

2. Expenditure: 2020-21 £18364 (2019-20 £14900) Overall increase £3464

- 2.1 Community Benefit fund expenditure £9930 (£2933): During the year the Council applied these funds as follows:
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| New tables for the Horticultural Society/Show Committee | £320 |
| Grant towards Parish Hall insurance | £300 |
| Grant towards structural repairs to churchyard wall and grass cutting | £2695 |
| New litter/dog waste bins | £107 |
| Grant towards outdoor learning facility at school | £3000 |
| Grant towards laptops for the school | £1100 |
| Grant towards protective clothing for school outdoor trips | £413 |
| Repairs to play equipment in school field | £1995 |
- 2.2 Clerk's salary £5180 (£4837): The clerk's salary for 2020-21 was £4800 per annum. The amount paid in 2019-20 had included some overtime. The further £380 paid in 2020-21 represented an arrear due from the previous year.
- 2.3 General Administration/Stationery etc: £229 (£193)
- 2.4 Insurance £515 (£258): The premiums for 2020-21 and 2021-22 were both paid in 2020-21.
- 2.5 Cornwall Association of Local Councils Subscription: £264 (£244)
- 2.6 Footpath Maintenance: £480.00 (£550) Expenditure on footpath maintenance fell slightly thanks to the COVID-19 crisis and the non-availability of the usual contractor.
- 2.7 Audit: £240.00 (£240) and British Legion wreath and donation: £40.00 (£40)
- 2.8 Computer repair: £120.00 (Nil)
- 2.9 Gmail account: £467.70 (£170) The routine cost of email for the Council has increased as a result of the introduction of official email addresses for councillors (for security and data protection reasons) to replace previous use of councillors' private email.
- 2.10 Website maintenance costs: £389.40 (£1023) The routine cost of the website is £95 per annum plus £19.95 per month. The reduction in overall cost in 2020-21 is because there were fewer additional costs than in the previous year.
- 2.11 Devolution of assets: £454.80 (£3929) the payment in 2020-21 was the Council's solicitors' final bill for legal work on the acquisition of the School field/Village Hall site and the Blunts car park.
- 2.12 Training expenses: £55.00 (£168) The expense in 2020-21 was for IT training for the Chairman and Clerk.
- 2.13 Items incurred in 2019-20 but not in 2020-21: Seats/Notice board repair etc (£68) Quethiock News, not published due to COVID-19 (£175) Defibrillator (£73).