

Quethiock Parish Council

Schedule of Variances to the Income and Expenditure Account 2021-22

Explanatory Note:

This schedule compares income and expenditure in 2021-22 to that in the previous year (2020-21, shown in italics in brackets).

Figures are rounded to the nearest pound.

1. Income: 2021-22 £16,487 (2020-21 £18,830) Overall decrease £2,343

The decrease in income is attributable largely to the following:

- 1.1 Reduction in precept by (7.7%) – difference £(760)
- 1.2 Last year we received two years' worth of Community benefit grants, this year only one - difference £(4302)
- 1.3 As against that, this year we received a significant VAT refund of £1965, a donation of £200, and a Cornwall Council Community Chest grant of £112
- 1.4 The CTS grant from Cornwall Council continues to dwindle: £116 this year, compared to £155 last year.

2. Expenditure: 2021-22 £14,906 (2020-21 £18,364) Overall decrease £3458

2.1 Clerk's salary £4930 (£5180): The clerk's salary for 2021-22 was £4920 per annum. In addition an arrear of £10 from July 2020 was paid.

The amount paid in 2021-22 was less than that in the previous year because in payments in 2020-21 included some arrears.

2.2 General Administration/Stationery etc: £208 (£229)

2.3 Insurance £nil (£515): The premiums for 2020-21 and 2021-22 were both paid in 2020-21.

2.4 Cornwall Association of Local Councils Subscription: £292 (£264)

2.5 Footpath Maintenance: £1000.00 (£480) Expenditure on footpath maintenance increased thanks to the COVID-19 crisis and the non-availability of the usual contractor in the previous year, as a result of which more work than usual was required.

2.6 Audit: £270.00 (£240)

2.7 British Legion wreath and donation: £40.00 (£40)

2.8 Gmail account: £495 (£468)

2.9 Website maintenance costs: £275 (£389) The routine cost of the website is £155 per

annum plus £25 per month. In addition there are further charges for IT support during the year £792.50.

2.10 The largest difference in expenditure between this year and last was **Community Benefit fund expenditure: £4054 (£9930)**.

During the year the Council applied Community Benefit funds as follows:

Transfer to current account due as at 1.4.21 re play equipment	£1995
Repairs to Blunts chapel	£1275
Churchyard maintenance and safety works	£1835
New bench in Trehunist	£ 510
Acquisition of further dog waste bin	£ 134
Grant to Show Committee	£ 300

In addition, during the year the Council committed the fund to further expenditure (which will fall into the accounts for 2022-23) such that as at 31st March 2022 the remaining, unallocated Community Benefit fund monies totalled £1,622.

2.12 Items incurred last year but not this year:

- Devolution of assets: £nil (£455) - the last payment for the Council's solicitors' legal work on the acquisition of the School field/Village Hall site and the Blunts car park was made last year;
- Training expenses: £nil (£55);
- Computer repair last year of £120.00 was not required this year.

2.13 Items incurred this year but not last year:

- Election: charge from Cornwall Council £255 (£nil)
- Asset maintenance: £152.44 (£nil) Paint for play equipment £17, litter bin £128.34, refuse sacks £7.10
- Signposts: £1341.46 (£nil). Note that £200 was donated towards the cost of this project.
- Newsletter: £50 (£nil)
- Defibrillators: £752 (£nil): this year expenditure was required on routine renewal of defibrillator equipment.