

## FINANCE REPORT FOR ANNUAL ASSEMBLY 20th APRIL 2010

|                                       | <u>Precept 09-10</u> | <u>Actual Expenditure<br/>09-10</u> | <u>Precept 10-11</u> | <u>% increase<br/>in precept</u> |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| Clerk's Salary & Training             | 9227                 | 11,093                              | 11,035               |                                  |
| Administration                        | 2634                 | 1970                                | 2368                 |                                  |
| Subscriptions                         | 355                  | 454                                 | 481                  |                                  |
| Donations                             | 150                  | 1866                                | 2150                 |                                  |
| Hire of Hall                          | 420                  | 348                                 | 420                  |                                  |
| Maintenance of Burial Ground          | 1050                 | 900                                 | 930                  |                                  |
| Playing Field                         | 720                  | 546                                 | 824                  |                                  |
| Litter and Dog Bin emptying           | 771                  | 672                                 | 800                  |                                  |
| Parish Projects Plan                  | 500                  | 299                                 | 200                  |                                  |
| Chairmen's expenses                   | 100                  | 148                                 | 100                  |                                  |
| Councillor's expenses                 | 150                  | 137                                 | 150                  |                                  |
| Councillor's training                 | 800                  | 496                                 | 614                  |                                  |
| Parish Magazine                       | 220                  | 220                                 | 250                  |                                  |
| Village Event Support & Neighbourhood |                      |                                     |                      |                                  |
| Watch                                 | 200                  | 0                                   | 0                    |                                  |
| Transfers to reserves                 | 700                  | 1855                                | 700                  |                                  |
| Noticeboard                           | 0                    | 256                                 |                      |                                  |
| Seat                                  | 0                    | 521                                 |                      |                                  |
| Website                               |                      |                                     | 200                  |                                  |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                         | <b>17,997</b>        | <b>21,781</b>                       | <b>21,222</b>        | <b>18%</b>                       |

### BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2010:

CURRENT ACCOUNT: £18200.31 of this £15634.82 relates to the Pathfinder grant, thereby leaving £2565.49

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT: £16330.42

TOTAL: £34530.73

### RESERVES:

|                                   |       |                          |       |
|-----------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| Burial Ground Landscaping Reserve | £2500 | Village Hall Fund        | £6500 |
| Property Maintenance              | £925  | Road Safety Improvements | £3500 |
| Election Fund                     | £1605 | Fingerpost Fund          | £375  |

## **Commentary for Finance report 20th April 2010**

Clerk's Salary and Training were higher due the extra hours that needed to be worked. Monthly hours were increased by 4 per month in April 2009 due to the increased workload, this had not been precepted for. The Clerk has completed the Working With Your Council course and is now working on the Certificate in Local Council Administration

Administration covers office costs, insurance and audit fees. The printer had to be replaced in this financial year, although we went for a cheaper black and white copier rather than a coloured one.

Subscriptions for: SALC (Sussex Association of Local Councils); WDALC (Wealden District Association of Local Councils); NALC (National Association of Local Councils); LCR (local council magazine); SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks); AiRS (Action in Rural Sussex) and Information Commissioner. Expenditure higher than precepted for as AiRS didn't take payment in 2008/09 but took 2 years worth in 2009/10. Also subscription for Information Commissioner wasn't precepted for.

Donations to: Village Hall £1508.39; C.A.B. £150 and Nitesafe lights at the churchyard £208.

Playing Field – Work undertaken to fill in the ditch next to the cycle track and mend the gatepost. We were anticipating a substantial increase in the ground rent at the playing field, this is now likely to happen in 2010/11. Also no bill has yet been received for the grass cutting.

Parish Projects Plan – this covers expenditure on the Parish Community Plan and the Emergency Plan.

Chairmen's and Councillor's expenses – these included expenditure for the Parish Assembly, networking barbeque with other councils , travel expenses for training and for visit to Houses of Parliament and expenses incurred undertaking research at East Sussex archive office.

Councillor's training will increase once a new councillor is in place and they can undertake training.

Transfers to reserves are to cover future election and fingerpost costs and were higher in 2009/10 as they included the figures from 2007-09 that had not previously been put in reserves.

Noticeboard and seat – both of these items needed replacing