

**Croxdale and Hett Parish Council**

**2019/2020**

**Explanation of Significant Variances in the Accounting Statements**

Section 2	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	Variance (+/-) £	Explanation of Variance
<b>Box 2 - Precept</b>	11,500	13,500	+2,000	A detailed report was considered at a meeting of the Parish Council on 23 January 2019, when the Precept was set, which identified a number of budget pressures the Parish Council faced in 2019/20. The increase is to ensure there are sufficient funds in 2019/20 on reflection of careful forward planning for budget pressures and use of reserves that the Parish Council has identified.
<b>Box 3 – Other Income</b>	9,060	10,882	+1,822	The increase in other income is largely attributable to the monies received from Croxdale Residents Association in the sum of £1,757.80 for the purchase of a defibrillator and cabinet in Croxdale. The remaining monies is as a result of the fees & charges increase for the Parish Council’s allotments, garages and car park rental income.
<b>Box 4 – Staff Costs</b>	4,602	5,005	+403	This increase reflects the pay award increase for the Parish Clerk for 2019/20, in addition to the increase number of hours, effective from 1 January 2020.
<b>Box 5 – Loan Interest / Capital</b>	0	0	0	NA
<b>Box 6 – Other Payments</b>	10,671	17,194	+6,523	The Parish Council has carried out the following additional expenses in relation to its cemeteries, that was required for general up keep and maintenance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- £120.00 – removal of a tree</li> <li>- £660.00 – ivy removal</li> <li>- £2,940.00 – pointing works</li> <li>- £1,380.00 – additional maintenance</li> <li>- <b>TOTAL = £5,100.00</b></li> </ul> In addition, payments were made in relation to the youth club for room hire and youth worker charges.
<b>Box 7 – Balances carried forward</b>	8,822	11,005	+2,183	Year on year, the Parish Council is to improve its reserves/carry-forward spends, in the event of an election year or bye-elections.
<b>Box 9 – Fixed Assets &amp; Long-Term Assets</b>	907	907	0	NA
<b>Box 10 – Total Borrowing</b>	0	0	0	NA