

Croxdale and Hett Parish Council

2017/2018

Explanation of Significant Variances in the Accounting Statements

Section 2	2016/17 £	2017/18 £	Variance (+/-) £	Explanation of Variance
<b>Box 2 - Precept</b>	9,500	13,500	+4,000	A detailed report was considered at a meeting of the Parish Council on 11 January 2017, when the Precept was set, which identified a number of budget pressures the Parish Council faced in 2017/18. The increase of £4,000 was to ensure there were sufficient funds available in 2017/18 on reflection of careful forward planning for additional budget pressures and overheads that the Parish Council had identified, such as: possible Election Recharge following May 2017 Elections (£500), costs towards repair works to Cemetery Fencing (£3,000) and further donation as previously agreed to Croxdale Community Association (£500).
<b>Box 3 – Other Income</b>	5,066	7,527	+2,461	<p>The Parish received the additional income as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Member Neighbourhood Budget (in order to purchase a defibrillator &amp; Cabinet (£1,500)</li> <li>- Transparency Funding (£720)</li> <li>- Northern Power Grid (£1)</li> <li>- Cemetery Fees (£230)</li> <li>- Land Rent @ Hett (£10)</li> </ul> <p>Overall, this equates to £2,461.</p>
<b>Box 4 – Staff Costs</b>	5,088	4,120	-968	A payment of £1,000 was made in 2016/17 for the acting RFO, which was not required in 2017/18.
<b>Box 5 – Loan Interest / Capital</b>	0	0	0	NA

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Box 6 – Other Payments	25,282	16,559	-8,723	<p>New fencing was installed at Croxdale and Hett Cemeteries in 2016/17 at a cost of £14,645, which saw our expenditure exceed over £25,000. It was later identified that a number of repair works was required to the fencing at Croxdale Cemetery, which was accounted for in 2017/18 at a cost of £5,938. In addition to this, one-off fencing works was required at the car park of the Croxdale Inn, which cost a total of £1,818.</p> <p>Other one-off payments of: website amendments (£288), tree works at Croxdale Cemetery and Hett Village Green (£576), donation following death of a former Councillor (£30), Councillor Training (£54) and hedge cutting works at Hett (£20) were accounted for in 2017/18.</p> <p>Overall, these equate to = £8,723.</p>
Box 7 – Balances carried forward	3,188	3,535	+347	<p>Although this is not a significant increase, the Parish received further cemetery fee income in 2017/18 compared to 2016/17 (£165), notwithstanding the VAT reclaim which was £0 in 2015/16 (included in 2016/17 audit) and £477 (included in 2017/18 audit).</p>
Box 9 – Fixed Assets & Long-Term Assets	907	907	0	NA
Box 10 – Total Borrowing	0	0	0	NA