

Sydenham Parish Council explanation of variances 2016/2017

Explanation of Significant Variances:

Box No:

3. Income is lower by £11,938

The parish Council only received £988 in grants this year compared to £10,905 in 2015/2016. In addition, previously a donation was made to the Parish Council from the local street local fayre to help fund the new playground equipment. This was not made in 2016/2017.

4. Staff costs lower by £386

The previous clerk resigned at the end of July 2016 and the replacement clerk did not start until November 2016, though some additional clerk hours were required for training.

6. Total other costs lower by £2,087

The income & expenditure were significantly higher in 2015/2016 due to 2 large grants and the 2016/2017 expenditure seems high in comparison, despite being lower than 2015/2016 but this is due to a generator being purchased at a cost of £4,076. Of the £988 grant received, only £483 has so far been spent but domain hosting costs are expected as well as the purchase of a new printer. Annual subscription costs of £394 were absent in 2015/2016 as the invoices for these were paid after the end of the year. The grant for the OSR (Church Hall) was also not made until after year end. Insurance costs also reduced as it is no longer necessary insure the maintenance worker separately. £600 was spent on a speeding survey with plans to introduce speed reducing solutions in 2017/2018. The full breakdown of the £2087 is shown below:

	Difference between 15/16 and 16/17
General Maintenance	-£35
Playing Field	-£5,094
Election costs	-£85
Insurance	-£276
Hall hire	-£180
Subs, books etc	-£394
Audit	-£51
Expenses	-£105
Donations	-£150
Rospa inspection	-£262
Dog hygiene bins	£13
Emergency plan	£4,106
OSR	-£500
Speed awareness	£286
Telephone box	£0
Queen's birthday celebrations	£156

Transparency grant - computer equpt, website

£483

TOTAL

-£2,087

9. Assets higher by £4583

As part of the parish Council's emergency plan, a generator was purchased for use in the event of a power outage, the cost of this was £4,076 with an additional £224 spent on Icy Road signs. A laptop was also purchased using the transparency grant at a cost of £283.