

Section 2	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	Variance £	Variance %	Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)		
Box 3 <i>Total other receipts</i>	18,764	6,677	-12,087	64.42	In 2018/19 there was more money saved in high interest accounts resulting in £541 of additional interest. There was a higher value of payments in 2018/19 resulting in £11,603 more in VAT reclaimed. In 2019/20 there was a tax refund of £57.		
Box 6 <i>All other payments</i>	80,640	21,193	-59,447	73.72	Decrease: Grants	(559)	A grant of £600 to a local festival is only given once every two years so this was not given in 2019/20. An new payment of £48 was made in 2019/20 to support a project bringing high speed broadband to the village.
					Decrease: Planning response support	(49,023)	See below *
					Decrease: Community Benefit Payments	(811)	Income from Solar Farms in the parish have been spent on improvements to footpaths in the Village. More works were carried out in 2018/19 than 2019/20 and this work is ongoing.
					Increase: Administration	129	2019/20 had an uncontested election which incurred fees of £46. The domain name registration is paid every 2 years and £20 was paid in 2019/20. At the end of 2019/20 the parish council agreed to appoint an external company to provide payroll services and fees were paid of £20. There was an increase in stationery purchased in 2019/20 of £39.
					Increase: Audit Fees	162	Due to the retirement of the internal auditor it was necessary to appoint a new auditor in 2019/20 resulting in slightly increased costs of £62. External audit fees were £100 higher in 2019/20 due to the parish council moving up a banding.
					Increase: Insurance	47	Increase in insurance costs in 2019/20.
Increase: Subscriptions	25	An increase in subscription fees to Hampshire Association of Local Council and to the Society for Local Council Clerks in 2019/20.					

					Increase: Training	20	No training was undertaken in 2018/19 and one course undertaken by a councillor in 2019/20 which was partly due to the permanent clerk being on maternity leave across part of 2018 and 2019 (spanning both financial years).
					Decrease: VAT on payments	(9,441)	Lower value of payments during the year, mostly on the planning support, resulting in less VAT to reclaim.
					TOTAL	59,451	
Box 9 Total fixed assets	7,837	11,132	3,295	42.04	In 2019/20 the Parish Council purchased 2x defibrillators and associated equipment at a total of cost of £3,295.		

* **Planning response support:** a Planning Counsel Fund was set up seventeen years ago when this rural parish first came under threat of large-scale development when a major developer secured options on land in the parish. The renewed prospect of large scale development in the period of the emerging Local Plan (to 2032) was strengthened when in November 2011 a new group of landowners in the parish put forward sufficient land for a major new settlement. In 2014 it became apparent that such a settlement was likely to be a preferred option for the District Council to meet its housing targets. There is strong opposition in the parish to this prospect and given the high cost of retaining services of specialist planning advisors it was decided when setting the precept for 2015/16 to increase the funds already accrued for this purpose by £20,000.

Significant funds were spent in 2015-16 on planning consultants who supported the parish council's response to the Housing Options consultation. Continuing support has been needed, in 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 including a robust Reg. 18 response prepared by Planning Consultants and a Housing Numbers report by a professional in that subject. The Parish Council continued to engage external planning consultants to prepare a robust Reg 19 representation on the Hart District Council draft local plan during February and March 2018. The external consultants subsequently prepared detailed submissions for the Examination in Public of the Local Plan and appeared on behalf of the parish council at ten of the twelve all-day sessions during the four week long Examination in Public of the Local Plan during November and December 2018, the outcome of which resulted in the Inspector directing the removal of Policy SS3 – the proposed new settlement in Winchfield - from the Plan for it to be considered sound. Further expenditure was required in 2019/20, although at a much reduced level, as the parish council utilised the services of our external consultants to challenge the outcome of the Shapley Heath Garden Village bid submitted to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government by Hart District Council in late 2018 submitting detailed representations to the Secretary of State and our local MP. There will be expenditure in 2020/21 as the parish council continues to challenge the Shapley Heath Garden Village proposition and work begins on a 2 year project to review and update the Winchfield Neighbourhood Development Plan in response to the adopted Local Plan.