

Notes to accompany the Weston under Penyard Parish Council Year End Accounts 2019-2020

For the purpose of these notes the 2019/20 budget of £ 31,807 will be split between 'normal' day to day expenditure and projects. Although an element of footpaths expenditure and SID's may be better split in future between regular expenditure and projects they will be considered here as 'normal'.

'Normal' day to day expenditure.

Against the budgeted spend of £ 17,807 the actual is £ 9,132.40 an underspend of £ 8,674.60.

The main areas of underspend are:

- 1) Clerk's salary underspend £ 1,727 – The Clerk comments details on a spreadsheet only significant amounts of time spent on council work and claims on that basis. The Clerk's workload has increased during the year to at least the level budgeted per month and the underspend relates to the earlier part of the year..
- 2) Footpaths underspend £ 1,942 – this would have been used on the purchase and installation of new gates had the supply not been delayed by Covid-19.
- 3) SID's underspend £ 1,490 – Technical problems with the suppliers lead to non deployment and council rejecting an invoice because of the lack of data supplied.

Projects

Against the budgeted spend of £ 14,000 the actual was only £ 625.17.

The surplus funds in projects dates back to the Neighbourhood Development Plan. During the process an estimate of the cost of developing the plan was received of between £10,000 and £ 20,000. Council increased the precept in order to be able to fund this expenditure. In the event grants were obtained and the cost was covered. The £ 4,000 set aside in the budget for Neighbourhood Plan parish Projects relates to projects that emanate from the NDP but have yet to materialize.

There was an expectation that half of the Parish Project budget ie £ 5,000 was required to pay for a new boiler for the Village Hall but again grants have provided the funds for this.

There are currently three projects that council have agreed against these funds that have not yet resulted in expenditure:

- 1) Village Footpath notice boards. These are going to be replaced together with the artwork. The estimated cost is £ 2,250.
- 2) Relaying of steps leading to Weston Church – Council has agreed to a donation of £ 2,250.00 to cover this work being carried out.
- 3) Road name signs in the village – four roads have been identified that require road signs that council will pay for. Quotes are in the process of being obtained.

Precept

Council agreed in December to reduce the precept for 2020/21 from £ 12,500 to £ 7,500 which is below the 'normal' expenditure and will therefore use some of the surplus which has built up.

Parish Clerk
28th April 2020.

