

HANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman's Report

Two years has passed by since we held our last Annual Parish Meeting for the Parish Council due to the coronavirus. I would like to thank all the current members for stepping up to be councillors who work on a voluntary basis, giving their valuable time for the improvement of the village. It really does need to be said and will continue to be said every year, thank you to Julie Friell our Clerk for all her continued hard work and commitment at all times helping the Parish Council and all councillors. Her organisational skills, patience and detailed knowledge ensure the Parish Council works effectively and efficiently and we would struggle to exist without her input and guidance on rules and regulations. Words do not remotely cover what she does for the Council in this Village.

Spending a large proportion of the CIL funds upgrading the streetlights has proved a worthwhile exercise, significantly reduce our street light bills.

Reviewing the action points set out for the year 2019. Gates for the allotments have now been installed together with a new hand gate purchased in 2021. Huge thanks go to Len and Antony Austin for putting these in place.

We continue to actively promote the Parish Council vacancies and now can confirm new councillors Debbie Jackson and Nikki Savage have joined us and a further person is set to join us shortly. We are so grateful for these additional councillors as this broadens the opinion and knowledge of the village when discussing all matters on the agenda.

A thank you to Kate Wilson, our Footpath Warden who continues to monitor our walk routes connected to the village. Ian Wilson continues to work hard keeping the never-ending weeds at Mallards Wood at bay and the Allotment bank being kept in order. Our thanks go to both him and his wife, Kate, who devote a huge amount of time to the village. Thanks also to Graham Martin who carries out lots of maintenance jobs in the village, the telephone box and the finger post at the Walgrave Road junction and Tony (Debbie's husband) for taking care of the VAS sign, re locating, changing batteries and downloading the information it gathers making it available to the Parish Council to view.

Thank you to County Councillor Judy Shephard and District Councillor Lesley Woolnough for their contributions to the work of the Parish. Judy has retired from her position now that the councils have unified, and Lesley has resigned from her role also. We wish them both well for the future.

Let's hope the next year that everyone stays safe and well and life can return to as normal as possible.

Financial Report

The 2020/21 accounts will be approved by the Parish Council at its' meeting on 7 June 2021. The Internal Audit will be carried out on 28 April and any comments/findings will be reported at the June meeting. Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 permits authorities with either income or expenditure under £25,000 to certify itself as exempt from having a limited assurance review or to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor. A copy of the Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, unaudited Annual Accounting Statements, an analysis of variances and the bank reconciliation will appear alongside the "Period for the Exercise of Public Rights" notice from 14 June, on the notice board, for a period of 30 working days and will end on 23 July 2021, together with a summary of Electors Rights and will be available on the web site.

The bank account balance at 31 March 2021 was £10,158.96.

The general fund has increased by £940 over the previous year, with £50 now being held as Refundable Allotment deposits. This figure still falls within the best practise parameters of between 1 and 1.5 times the level of the precept - it is essential that it is maintained at this level for any future contingencies.

2020/21 saw actual expenditure of £8,893 against a budget of £9,163 – the precept being £9,200 and the small amount added to reserves. Income received in addition to the precept totalled £683 - £390 Allotment rent for 2020, £70 Allotment rent for 2021, £50 allotment deposit, £97 vat refund and £76 NCC grass cutting grant. Monies were spent on the Clerk's salary (£3,296), grass cutting

(£2,637), grants to the Church (£500) and Village Hall (£400). A copy of the accounts will be included in the Annual Report that will be distributed with the June edition of Hannington Life.

The Parish Council has precepted £9,500 from Daventry DC for 2021/22. This represents a 3.3% increase – to maintain the level of reserves in accordance with best practice.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

2020	2020		2021	2021
	8,500.00	PRECEPT		9,200.00
	1,351.34	OTHER INCOME		683.34
	0.00	COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY MONIES		0.00
	£9,851.34	TOTAL INCOME		£9,883.34
148.50		HIRE OF VILLAGE HALL	0.00	
496.08		E.ON – ELECTRICITY SUPPLY/MAINT	304.64	
3,816.00		UPGRADE STREET LIGHTS TO LED	0.00	
2,866.88		CLERK’S SALARY	3,295.74	
315.38		ADMIN EXPENSES	385.69	
0.00		TRAINING	0.00	
726.00		INSURANCE PREMIUM	726.00	
176.00		INTERNAL & EXTERNAL AUDIT	180.00	
2,503.00		GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT	2,637.00	
800.00		GRANTS – PCC & VILLAGE HALL	900.00	
120.00		ALLOTMENTS	188.24	
59.99		VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN	0.00	
0.00		WWI MEMORIAL BENCH	0.00	
235.72		SUBSCRIPTIONS	241.34	
35.00		OTHER	35.00	
	£12,298.55	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£8,893.65
	(£2,447.21)	NET RECEIPT/(PAYMENT) FOR THE YEAR		£989.69
£11,616.48		BANK BALANCE AT 1 APRIL 2020		£9,169.27
(£2,447.21)		NET RECEIPT/(PAYMENT) AS ABOVE		£989.69
£9,169.27		BANK BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2021		£10,158.96
		SPLIT AS FOLLOWS:		
	£9,169.21	GENERAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT	£10,158.96	
	£0.00	CIL MONIES	£0.00	

The Parish Council held the following Community Assets valued at original purchase cost or best guesstimate at 31 March 2021.

Street Lights/waste bins	3,850	Benches	307
Bus Shelter	250	Tools	659
Gates/fences	1,350	Seat	350
Information & notice board	1,197	Colour Printer Lexmark CS317	80
Vehicle Activated Sign	2,705	BT Telephone Kiosk	1
Brackets VAS	160	Base for village sign	452
Gated entrance	650	Data Collection Unit	350
Allotments – nominal value	1	Recreation land – nominal value	1
Pocket Park – nominal value	1	Village Sign – nominal value	1
Street Light – Limes Trees Close	1	WWI Memorial Bench (excl VAT)	300
12* LED lantern units	3,180		
		TOTAL COST	£15,846