

HANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman's Report

Another year goes by for the Parish Council and 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.

Year on year, I must mention Julie Friell our Clerk, we are forever grateful for her services to the village. She attends courses, seeks advice from the powers that be, keeps us organised and does an all-round stellar job and we could not be without her. Our huge thanks to her.

Covid 19 has had a serious impact on all our lives and we have all learnt to adapt and look out for one another. The WhatsApp group initially set up by Wes has proved a lifeline for a lot of the village.

Since the last APM, the replacement of the lights using the CIL money has proved very cost effective more, bills are significantly lower, and maintenance will be minimal going forward.

Reviewing the action points set out for the year.

- Gates for the allotments, remain outstanding. This is a task which needs to be done but can only be done when the people involved have time available from their working lives.
- Despite us actively promoting the Parish Council vacancies, they remain unoccupied and we would very much like to see them taken.

Once again, a thank you to Kate Wilson, our Footpath Warden and to Kevin Simons who on a regular basis, picks up a huge amount of litter and reports fly-tipping to the relevant Councils. Ian Wilson continues to keep the never-ending task of weeds at Mallards Wood and the Allotment bank being kept at bay. Our thanks go to both him and his wife, Kate, who devote a huge amount of time to the village. Thanks also to Wes for taking care of the VAS sign, re locating and changing batteries. Without these volunteers within the village I genuinely feel village life and community would not exist.

Grant funding for this year is £900 currently allocated in the precept for grants to be split between the Church (£500) and the Village Hall (£400).

Thank you to County Councillor Judy Shephard and District Councillor Lesley Woolnough for their contributions to the work of the Parish. They may not have time to visit in person but are always available should we need their assistance or advice.

Looking forward to 2020/21. We will focus on the following issues.

- Trying to find the time to site the new gates at the Allotment now the hedge has established.
- To continue to try to bring more members on to the Parish Council

Financial Report

The 2019/20 accounts will be approved by the Parish Council at its' meeting on 3 August. The Internal Audit was carried out on 24 April with nothing to report – all internal control objectives having been complied with. 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 10 August, on the notice board, for a period of 30 working days and will end on 18 September 2020, together with a summary of Electors Rights and are currently available on the web site.

The bank account balance at 31 March 2020 was £9,169.27 – this is now all in the General Fund as the CIL monies have now been fully utilised. The general fund has increased by £553 over the previous year. 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.

2019/20 saw actual expenditure of £12,298 against a budget of £9,343 – the precept being £8,500 , the unutilised CIL monies of £3,000 and the balance coming from reserves. Income received in addition to the precept totalled £1,351 - £352 Allotment rent, £923 vat refunds (2019 & 2020) and £76 NCC grass cutting grant. The Parish Council used the balance of £3,000 of monies received from the Community Infrastructure Levy scheme to upgrade the street lights to LEDs, which cost, net of VAT, which has been reclaimed - £3,180. Monies were also spent on grass cutting (£2,503), grants to the Church (£400) and Village Hall (£400). A copy of the accounts will be included in the Annual Report that will be distributed with the September Hannington Life.

The Parish Council has precepted £9,200 from Daventry DC for 2020/21 but will be using £36 from reserves. This represents an 8.2% increase – to maintain the level of reserves in accordance with best practice.

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**HANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

2019	2019		2020	2020
	7,500.00	PRECEPT		8,500.00
	432.51	OTHER INCOME		1,351.34
	0.00	COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY MONIES		0.00
	£7,932.51	TOTAL INCOME		£9,851.34
148.50		HIRE OF VILLAGE HALL	148.50	
930.04		E.ON – ELECTRICITY SUPPLY/MAINT	496.08	
0.00		UPGRADE STREET LIGHTS TO LED	3,816.00	
2,831.78		CLERK’S SALARY	2,866.88	
484.58		ADMIN EXPENSES	315.38	
49.00		TRAINING	0.00	
700.00		INSURANCE PREMIUM	726.00	
172.00		INTERNAL & EXTERNAL AUDIT	176.00	
2,145.00		GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT	2,503.00	
800.00		GRANTS – PCC & VILLAGE HALL	800.00	
48.00		ALLOTMENTS	120.00	
0.00		VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN	59.99	
360.00		WWI MEMORIAL BENCH	0.00	
216.20		SUBSCRIPTIONS	235.72	
35.00		OTHER	35.00	
	£8,920.10	TOTAL PAYMENTS		£12,298.55
	(£987.59)	NET(PAYMENT) FOR THE YEAR		(£2,447.21)
£12,604.07		BANK BALANCE AT 1 APRIL 2019		£11,616.48
(£987.59)		NET RECEIPT/(PAYMENT) AS ABOVE		(£2,447.21)
£11,616.48		BANK BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2020		£9,169.27
		SPLIT AS FOLLOWS:		
	£8,616.48	GENERAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT	£9,169.27	
	£3,000.00	CIL MONIES	£0.00	

The Parish Council held the following Community Assets valued at original purchase cost or best guesstimate at 31 March 2020.

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