

EAST BUDLEIGH with BICTON PARISH COUNCIL

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STATEMENT SUPPORTING THE ACCOUNTS 2019/20

Assets – See Fixed Asset Statement.

Borrowing – The Council had no outstanding borrowing as at 31st March 2019

Leases & Tenancies – The Tennis Club and Football Club has a lease with the Parish Council. The Council leases the Recreation Ground from Clinton Devon Estates

Section 137 – Small payments were made to East Budleigh in Bloom and a Christmas Tree for the Shop.

Section 106 – A payment of £1055.00 was made to Yettington Hall from this Community Infrastructure Levy.

Air Ambulance, Hedge Laying, Computer and additional salary payment

These have been funded from savings to give a balanced budget at year end. Air Ambulance was from £800 reserve budget line, Computer and Hedge from Election savings and extra salary from overall end of year savings.

The last Salary refund for 2019 was carried over to the 2019/20 accounts, but this year, due to the new online banking arrangements, this was paid more promptly and the last Salary refund was paid in the correct current year of 2019/20. The new Clerk took over on 15th January, so there are some small adjustments to payments made.

Yettington Hall

Early in 2019 an assumption was made that bills for improvements done to Yettington Community Hall could be paid for by Council, reimbursed by the Hall Committee and the Council could repay the VAT on their behalf. However, when the new clerk and new Chair took office in January 2020 they investigated the position and declared that the Council could not reclaim the VAT on behalf of the Hall as the Community Hall is privately owned by a board of Trustees. The accounts show bills refunded and reimbursed by the Council, but no VAT has been claimed for any of these items.

Comparison with 2018/19 documentation on website

Various additional documents were placed on the website:

- Notice of Public Rights
- Nationwide detailed transaction statement
- Detailed Cashbook payments & receipts
- P3 account detail
- Fixed Asset detailed register.

General Comments

Following the start of the new year, 2020, with a new Chairman and new Clerk and RFO, changes have been made to our procedures, to make use of electronic methods. The bank account is now operated online by the RFO. Documents are displayed at meetings by projector so that all present can follow discussions and proposals more easily. All documents are placed on the Village website, as previously done.

A new laptop was purchased as the previous one was faulty. A laser printer was also purchased. It is expected that there will be a reduction in costs for printer ink and paper, as we use digital methods of circulating information. Notices are still placed on the Parish Council Notice boards around the Parish.

The Clerk now posts a monthly update to the East Budleigh Parish Church Magazine, in order to make our Councillors more visible and to keep the residents better informed.

The regular work of the Council has included paying bills for maintenance of the Car Park and Public Conveniences, as well as emptying of dog bins and summoning street clearance teams when required. The footpaths have been regularly cleared throughout the year.

Funding was received for Flood Resilience and an Open Day was held to inform the residents and to encourage participation. Sand-bags, High visibility jackets and flood signs have been purchased and a list of volunteers is being maintained. The rain gauge on the Allotments is not functioning properly in its current position, so will be re-sited and serviced in due course.

Responsible Finance Officer: Judith Venning

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Date:

Chairman: Derek Wensley

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