

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT
Year Ending 31st March 2017

Last year the Parish Council had a budget of £24,850 and spent £18,252. To meet the budget, the PC received £24,000 from Council Tax and grants and the remainder of the funds have been reserved for special projects.

The Council continued to support local good causes including the Rickinghall Day Centre, the Neighbourhood Watch, Barwoods and the Pre-School. It also gives £600 to assist with the maintenance of the churchyards.

There are a number of regular areas of expenditure including the **Street Lights**, which cost £793 to maintain this year. We are still working to get two street light in Bridewell Lane replaced.

The Council spent £1,260 this year on **Sweeping Pavements** although the majority of this expenditure is still covered by a grant from the District Council. The County Council is responsible for keeping footpaths clear but last year the PC paid £323 for extra path clearance during the summer months.

Last year the Council paid £415 to have our **Dog and Litter Bins** emptied every two weeks and £2,015 for grass cutting, tree work and maintenance of the equipment at the **Play Area**.

Finally, the **Christmas Tree** in the Market Place and Christmas Eve events cost £768, shared with Rickinghall Parish Council.

2017/18: This year the Parish Council has a budget of £29,200 and holds £28,200 for contingency and special projects. These will include refurbishment of the play area and some additional equipment, the purchase of a vehicle activated sign and the production of a neighbourhood plan.

Mrs L Jackson-Eve, Parish Clerk / RFO