

## PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

Last year the Parish Council had a budget of £29,200 and spent £30,587. To meet the budget, the PC received £30,309 from Council Tax and grants. There were several special projects this year, including the double yellow lines at The Drift, new surfacing and equipment at the play area, the purchase of the Vehicle Activated Sign and contributions toward the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Council continued to support local good causes including the Rickinghall Day Centre, the Neighbourhood Watch and Barwoods. 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 £676 to maintain this year. This was reduced from last year as the charges were removed for the two street lights in Bridewell Lane that we are trying to get replaced.

The Council spent £1,291 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 £331 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 £1,377 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 £848, shared with Rickinghall Parish Council.

**2018/19:** This year the Parish Council has a budget of £30,000 and holds £27,500 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.

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