

PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT Year Ending 31st March 2017

Last year the Parish Council had a budget of £20,585 and spent £16,487. The PC also held £22,040 in reserve for special projects. The PC received £22,056 from Council Tax and other grants.

During the year the Council continued to support local good causes, giving £600 to assist with the maintenance of the churchyards at both parish churches, £300 to the Rickinghall Day Centre, £60 for the Remembrance Day event and £30 to the Neighbourhood Watch.

Street Lights: There are 25 Parish owned street lights, which cost £754 to maintain and run this year. Street light replacements are regularly required and each costs around £2,000.

Street Sweeping: The Council spent £1,680 this year to keep footways clean. The majority of the expense is covered by a grant from the District Council.

Public Rights of Way: The County Council is responsible for keeping footpaths clear and Parish Council arranges for additional cutting costing £404 this year.

Dog and Litter Bins: The PC paid £460 towards this service last year.

Christmas Tree: The PC now shares the cost of the Christmas tree at the Market Place and budgets £360 for that.

2017/18: This year the PC has a budget of £22,420 for its usual expenditure and for additional projects such as street lighting replacement, the double-yellow lines project, a new vehicle activated sign and the neighbourhood plan. It holds an additional £25,680 for contingency and special projects.

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