

ACCOUNTS 2024/25

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

Annual Precept – Box 2

Due to the increase in properties in the Parish, the tax base for the precept was increased by 19.6%. In addition, due to the Clerks retirement, there would also be an increase in salary expenditure for the Clerk as training and mentoring would be required. The precept was increased accordingly to £23,028, as minuted, 11/12/23 3172 - 8f

Total other receipts – Box 3

A change in bank account provider (from Barclays to Unity Trust) has caused additional payments and receipts as the balance of the 2 accounts held by the council were transferred to the 2 new bank accounts. This accounts for £35,829.43 of the variance meaning the actual increase in receipts is just £463.06.

Staff cost – Box 4

During 2024/25 the Council's long-standing Clerk of 29 years retired. The Council then had 2 new Clerks who stayed only a few days each and 2 temporary/acting Clerks. This has resulted in increased staff costs due to additional handover, training/mentoring requirements and temporary Clerking costs. A new permanent Clerk was appointed March 25.

Total other payments – Box 6

A change in bank account provider has caused additional payments and receipts as the balance of the 2 accounts held by the Council were transferred to the 2 new bank accounts. This accounts for £35,829.43 of the variance meaning the actual increase in payments is £10,503.02 which is 53.5%.

£4819 was spent on a memorial monument in Paupers Grave, £3750 was spent on tree pollarding in Paupers Grave (done every 3 years), , £527 was spent on replacement and new dog waste bin and £170 a new litter bin, £400 was spent on playing field clearance of the boundaries, £239 was paid for the Little Owls Toddler Group, £180 was paid for the hire of a digger in Paupers Grave and £135 spent on award tickets so that the Paupers Grave volunteers could attend to collect their award.

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Responsible Financial Officer

V J Swansborough

16 June 2025