

Letheringham Parish Council Audit Return Commentary 2016 / 2017

Commentary on the following Items from the audit return that have a significant level of variance

	2015/2016 (£)	2016/2017 (£)	VARIANCE (£)
box 3 total other receipts	1750	nil	1750
Box 6 total other payments	2653	641	2012
Box 7 Balances carried forward	2709	3118	409

Box 3 total other receipts

Total other receipts difference of £1750 is the result of LPC receiving a £1750 grant in 2015/16 from The Adnam's Charity Fund, and we received nil additional receipts in the 2016/17 period hence the £1750 variance.

The grant was made to support the Parish Council purchase of a defibrillator and associated training package from "Community Heart Beat Trust." The defibrillator has been now been installed in the redundant BT phone box which we purchased from BT. BT has agreed to pay electricity costs for the box as part of its support for "Community Heart Beat Trust" for the next 5 years.

Box 6 total other payments

The £ 2012 difference in other payments reflects the purchase in 2015/16 of a defibrillator at a total cost of £2130 ^φ (includes vat and delivery costs) . Excluding the purchase of the defibrillator other payments in 2015/16 were £523 compared to £641 for 2016/17 the increase of £118 is accounted for primarily by the additional cost of £118.66 for electrical work to fit the defibrillator into the phone box incurred in 2016/17

Box7 balances carried forward

The £409 increase in balances carried forward from 2016/17 into 2017/18 reflects the difference between our total expenditure in 2016/17 of £640 and our income of £1050. However , the balance carried forward is significantly above our budget forecast, this is because the £1100 Enabling Communities Grant we received from Suffolk Coastal District Council in 2014/15 was not spent as originally planned . We were unable to spend the enabling communities grant to install a vehicle activated warning sign at a dangerous road junction in Letheringham due to a change in Suffolk County Councils Highways Department policy. However, after much effort on our part, we have persuaded SCC to modify their highway's policy and to allow community managed signs to be installed in the proposed location. The decision to change policy unfortunately came too late for the agreed additional grants to be released from SCC and as a result implementation of the signs will now take place in 2017/18 financial year.

^φ reclaimed vat on defibrillator purchase appears in the 2017/18 account statements

The above explanations were presented and approved at the Letheringham Parish Council Meeting of the 12th June 2017 LPC minute refers ²⁰¹⁷⁻¹⁸



Chairman
Terence Carlin