

## **Notes on variances, Final Accounts 2018/2019**

1 Balances brought forward - the Parish Council was successful in securing grants amounting to £1570 during the financial year which had not been anticipated when the budget was first prepared in November 2017. Aside from this, the figures for 2018 and 2019 would have been very similar.

2 Precept or Rates and Levies - the increase in the precept for 2018/19 was due to the addition of additional houses on a new estate within the Parish; this has increased income without increasing the parish contribution towards total Council Tax.

3 Total other receipts - the reduction reflected less income from the parish graveyard (£325 as opposed to £2040) and the grant received in the financial year 2017/2018 from the Transparency Fund of £740.83 On the other hand, grants of £1570 were received in 2018/2019 against £600 in 2017/2018.

4 Payments increased in respect of Clerk's expenses (mainly accounted for through purchases of printer ink and pads for the defibrillator), training (more take-up which is positive), payment for internal audit from SALC (formerly undertaken free of charge by a parishioner), maintenance of the graveyard (mainly more moles), and substantially increased spending on parish projects (a strategy decided to reduce previous level of reserves)