

## **Hawstead Parish Council – finance summary for the Annual Parish Meeting on 15 May 2014**

### Receipts

Just over £12,000 was received by the Parish Council in the year ending 31/3/14.

In addition to a precept of £8,000, grant income of around £2,000 was received from both The Rural Payments Agency and DEFRA.

Additional income was also received from the bottle bank and from contributions towards the running costs of the Hawstead Journal.

### Payments

Expenditure of around £10,500 was incurred during the year ending 31/3/14.

The range of expenditure included personnel costs, the costs of maintaining the Green, insurance, room hire and training.

Expenditure on village maintenance in the order of £3500 was over budget (but managed through underspend on planned spending and use of reserves). As a result, the PC has been able to provide two fine new noticeboards, some dog fouling noticeboards and some improved signage/village maps. New goalposts and benches are in also in prospect. The PC has also been able to provide some financial support to the Church in respect of its churchyard maintenance costs.

The Parish Council carries forward a healthy balance of around £20,000 into the new financial year, some of which has been earmarked for future tree maintenance.

Catherine Hibbert

Clerk and RFO

15 May 2014