

Hawstead Parish Council – finance summary for the Annual Parish Meeting on 21 May 2015

Receipts

Just over £12,000 was received by the Parish Council in the year ending 31/3/15.

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, prize money from the Village of the Year and donations towards the defibrillator.

Payments

Expenditure of around £13,000 was incurred during the year ending 31/3/15.

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

Expenditure on village maintenance in the order of £1300 included the provision of a new bench, goalposts and some replacement grit bins and dog fouling signs; spending on tree management at £2000 was over budget (but managed through underspend on planned village maintenance spending and use of reserves). The defibrillator was provided through use of prize money and fundraising initiatives, topped up by Council reserves.

The Parish Council carries forward a healthy balance of around £19,000 into the new financial year, some of which has been earmarked for future tree maintenance.

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Clerk and RFO

21 May 2015