

Hawstead Parish Council – finance summary for the Annual Parish Meeting on 18 May 2017

Receipts

Just under £11,500 was received by the Parish Council in the year ending 31/3/17.

In addition to a combined precept and local authority grant receipt of £8,000, grant income of around £1,700 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, bank interest and a wayleave payment.

Payments

Expenditure of around £9,000 was incurred during the year ending 31/3/17.

The range of expenditure included maintenance costs for the Green, personnel costs, insurance, room hire, subscriptions, defibrillator training, tree work, hedging materials, printing for the Hawstead Journal and website fees. The Council also made a contribution towards the costs of a village tea party in honour of the Queen's birthday.

A decision to provide a new footbridge to open up another area of the Green was made before the year end and it is hoped that this will be in place shortly.

The Parish Council carries forward a healthy balance of around £22,000 into the new financial year, some of which has been earmarked for future projects in accordance with the reserves policy.

Catherine Hibbert

Clerk and RFO

18 May 2017