

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The Parish Council operates a controlled system for recording and presenting financial information. The Parish Council accounts are subject to Internal Audit each year by a suitably qualified person each year. The information which the Parish Council has to make available to the public is placed on the website. The audit for the year ended March 2018 was concluded successfully with no matters arising. As part of an annual review of Parish Council activities, a risk assessment is undertaken annually in line with reviewing insurance arrangements together with a review of the effectiveness of the internal audit. All financial information is provided by the required deadlines.

Summary of 2018-19 Finances (Not yet Audited)

| Balance/Reserves B/F 1 | £ |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| April 2018 | 19075-72 |
| <u>Receipts</u> | |
| Precept | 12596 |
| Top up Grant | 414-00 |
| VAT Rebate | 3227.62 |
| Investment Income | 32-38 |
| Donations/Grants | 11938.16 |
| Sub Total | 28198.16 |
| Total | 47273-88 |
| <u>Payments</u> | |
| Administration | 688.27 |
| Audit | 50-00 |
| Best Kept Village Competition | 20-00 |
| Bowling Club Grant | 1220-00 |
| Equipment Maintenance | 68.49 |
| Employees | 2101-80 |
| Grounds Maintenance | 3569-00 |
| Bowling Green Visitor Hut | 7775-00 |
| Speed Indicator Device | 2345 |
| Insurance | 595-05 |
| Room Hire | 325.00 |
| Training | 85.00 |
| Publications | 394.17 |
| Subscriptions | 10-00 |
| Wreath | 26-00 |
| Website | 140-00 |
| Play Area | 1988-00 |
| Community Grant and Misc | 501.46 |
| VAT | 3514.46 |
| Total Payments | 25420.86 |
| Balance/Reserves C/F | 21853.02 |

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CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW

The year started with a decision by the Parish Council to maintain its own record of highway incidents as we were unhappy with the accuracy of LCC and Police records of road traffic accidents in and around the village. Speeding traffic is of great concern to residents, riders and walkers. The children at the Primary school gave the PC an excellent presentation regarding their road safety issues and concerns, also meeting with County Councillor Keith Iddon to gain his support for some road calming measures. We have managed to purchase a replacement Speed Indicator device (SPID) thanks to a donation from Bretherton Film Society and a community grant from G.A Petfoods. This device allows us to gather data to support our endeavours for speed reductions on the village roads.

Remembrance Day 2018 was a poignant event, with the Parish Council working with the churches to rededicate the war memorial, where we were joined by living relatives of the young Bretherton men who fell in World War 1, to lay wreaths. This was followed in the evening by a torchlight procession to the searchlight and a live performance. The turnout from residents was impressive.

Bretherton entered the Best Kept Village Competition and achieved much better outcomes in 2018, with several individual entries being highly commended and the whole village reaching the second round of judging. Much of the improvement can be attributed to the work of the volunteers in the Tidy Village Group who met monthly through the Spring and Summer tidying pavements, planting flower tubs and litter picking.

In May 2019, Tony Rigby's service as a Parish Councillor comes to an end. Tony has served with distinction and been a stalwart supporter of the village over many, many years. The council has benefitted greatly from his professional and personal guidance. Thank you, Tony.

Gwyneth Lloyd

SUMMARY OF THE COUNCIL'S ACTIVITIES

Council Meetings and Membership

Bretherton Parish Council met for its Annual Meeting in May 2018 when Councillor Gwyneth Lloyd was appointed as Chairman and Councillor Kevin Wigley as Vice Chairman.

Ten ordinary parish council meetings and one Extraordinary meeting were held along with one budget meeting. All statutory notices and agendas were posted on the Parish Council notice boards and on the council's website.

Value for Money

The Parish Council annually set a Parish Precept to finance its activities and administration which is collected by Chorley Borough Council as part of the Council Tax. The Parish Council has now set its budget for 2019-20; the Precept for 2019-20 is £13080. This is a slight increase of £1-21p from the 2018-19 financial year. Whilst the Reserves at the end of the financial year were £21853 most of this amount relates to maintenance funds and special projects.

Engaging with Residents

Bretherton Parish Council has an active programme of engagement with residents by various modes of communication; such as its newsletter and website. The Parish Council Notice Boards also continue to be a vital source of community information. There were some problems with the web site earlier in the year but these have now been resolved.

Recreation Ground

As the result of a generous donation from the Bowling Club a new Visitor and Groundsman's facility has been provided.

The play area continues to be very popular with local and visiting families, and the Parish Councillors continue to monitor the safety of the site on a weekly basis to ensure a high standard is maintained.

Highways Issues

A new mobile Speed Indicator Device (SPID) used to monitor the speed of traffic, was purchased as the result of donations from the Film Club and GA Pet foods. Accidents in Bretherton are being monitored and the Parish Council would urge all residents to report these to them as well as to the Police. The Parish Council is taking every opportunity to raise these along with the problems caused by HGVs using Bretherton roads

The Parish Council has reported several issues regarding road surface and pavement width due to encroachment of vegetation and is pursuing these with the County Council

Thank you;

The Parish Council is grateful to R and E Bamford Ltd for their sponsorship of the newsletters this year and to all those who give of their time to deliver it. Thanks also go to those who gave their time and materials to help maintain the village and its amenities and to the volunteers who help on clean up days and operate the SPID

We are very fortunate to have a very engaged community who help in many different ways too numerous to mention in this brief report but all valued and appreciated by the Parish Council.