

Explanation of significant variances

The large increase in income this year vs last is due to the receiving of Covid grants from the District Council. These are in relation to the Village Hall. The Parish Council owns and operates the hall and is therefore eligible for the Covid recovery grants. These total £10708.

The Parish Council also received the balance of the previous Village Hall Committee when they took over the running of the hall. This totalled £10441

The Parish Council also received a grant from the District Council from the Playspace fund which totalled £10759.

The difference in expenditure this year vs last is that last year that last year the Council purchased the new play equipment. Also this year due to Covid the usual expenses on the Village Hall were significantly less.

Measures taken in line with recommendation of Internal Auditor's report

- M) The correct notice period was published on the website but before the internal audit the Clerk moved this off the front page and into the audit folder and reloaded the wrong document. This was a genuine mistake and accepted by the internal auditor after an explanation.

Recommendation one – The Council has agreed to formally earmark/ring fence reserve at a future meeting. The majority of the reserves are for the Village Hall and the renovation of it.

Recommendation two- The Clerk will provide more detail in the minutes as to the Council's response to the internal audit.

Recommendation three – The Clerk will ensure that any issues raised in the external audit report is recorded in detail and with the actions taken. It was referred to in the minutes that the issue had been rectified but no details were given.