

ORTON PARISH COUNCIL

Annual Governance and Accountability Return – Section 2 Orton Parish Council (1) for year ending 31st March 2018

These notes and explanations apply to boxes 2, 3, 4, 6 and 9 of the Accounting Statement.

Notes on Significant variations.

2. Annual precept. Variation £5,217/£6,245 an increase of £1,028

The annual precept for 2017/18 was increased by £1,028 compared to 2016/17 to cover the costs of a possible election, the loss of the Parish Grant, a general increase in costs and the costs of setting up a new website.

3. Total other receipts. Variation £988/£4,099 an increase of £3,111

More grant money was received in 2017/18 compared to 2016/17, £3,253 in 2017/18 and £50 in 2016/17, giving a positive variance of £3,203. Reparation money was received from the person who damaged the salt bin, giving a positive variance of £200. In 2017/18, £372 in VAT payments were refunded, compared to £292 in 2016/17, giving a positive variance of £80.

No CTRS grant was received this year, giving a negative variance of £128, when compared to 2016/17. There were no insurance claims in this year, giving a negative variance of £244.

In summary the total receipts for 2017/18 were increased by £3,111 when compared to 2016/17.

Grants received	3,203
Salt bin payment	200
VAT refund	80
CTRS grant	-128
Insurance claim	-244
Total	3,111

4. Staff costs. No variation £2,296/£2,296

The salary of the clerk and staff costs remained unchanged.

6. Total other costs. Variation £4,707/£6,427 an increase of £1,721

Grant money of £2,005 was given to the Village Hall in 2017/18 but only £500 in 2016/17, resulting in an increased variance of £1,505. In addition, further repairs to the play area were needed in 2017/18 at a cost of £638 giving a positive variance of £537 on the previous year. It was necessary to host a new website in 2017/18 so these costs, along with the cost of staff training, combined to give an increased variance of £140 and £270 respectively. The cost of grass-cutting in 2017/18 was increased from £1,160 to £1,354 as more cuts were taken, giving an increased variance of £194. In 2017/18, a salt bin was replaced after it was damaged in a road traffic incident: this resulted in an increased variance of £155. (However, this cost and the cost of installation were offset by £200 reparation from the responsible driver.) Two Parish Councillors, Mr G. Wills and Mr A. Rickerby, voluntarily restored a signpost in 2017/18; this required wire brushes, paint, primer and other equipment at a cost of £190 against a cost of £18 in 2016/17, resulting in an increased variance of £172. In 2017/18, it was agreed in 2017/18 to increase the grant for the churchyard upkeep from £500 to £600, resulting in an increased variance of £100. During 2017/18 there was an increase in insurance premium from £645 to £671, caused by an extension of the cover to include another restored signpost, producing a positive variance of £26. Internal audit fees for 2016/17 and 2017/18 were paid this year, producing an increased variance of £41. CALC subscription rose from £157 to £160 in 2017/18, a positive variance of £3.

Less stationary was required in 2017/18 compared to 2016/17 so the cost was reduced from £96 to £59, giving a negative variance of £37. Last year there were two invoices for play area safety checks, amounting

to £114; this resulted in a negative variance of £55 for 2017/18. A newspaper advertisement for grass-cutting tenders was placed in 2016/17 at a cost of £109, this was not needed in 2017/18 thus, a negative variance was created. Two invoices for payroll services were paid in the last tax year, £58 for 2016/17 and £64 for 2017/18, giving a negative variance of £122. No grant money was made to Great Orton School, this year, resulting in a negative variance of £500. Signpost restoration work was carried out by volunteers in 2017/18 so there were no professional expenses incurred, resulting in a negative variance of £600 when compared to 2016/17.

In summary, the total other costs in 2017/18 were increased by £1,721 when compared to 2016/17. The £1 discrepancy between the costs and the variance table below can be accounted for by the rounding up and down process.

Grant [Village Hall]	1,505
Play area repairs	537
Website training	270
Grass-cutting	194
ARCO salt bin	155
Website fees	140
A. Rickerby (wire brushes/paint)	123
Churchyard	100
G. Wills (paint/primer)	49
Internal audit fee	41
Insurance	26
CALC subscription	3
Stationary	-37
Play area safety check	-55
Tender advert	-109
Payroll Services	-122
Grant [Great Orton School]	-500
Signpost Restoration Limited	-600
Total	1,720

9. Total fixed assets. There was no variation.

P. Macdonald
 Clerk to Orton Parish Council (1)
 28th April 2018

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Bank Reconciliation at 31st March 2018

Bank Account(s):

Current a/c	£ 3,943.74
Deposit a/c	<u>£ 1,336.13</u>
	£ 5,279.87

Less unpresented cheques (list):

Cheque numbers	100615	£5.40
	100632	£40.00

Add uncleared payment (list): None

Add Petty Cash: None

Add Investments: None

Total **£ 5,234.47**

What is the figure in Box 8 in Section 1 of the Annual Return? **£5,234**

Does the total equal Box 8 in Section 1 of the Annual Return? Yes