

## Great Budworth Parish Council – Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2017

### Section 2 – Accounting statements 2016/17 – supporting information

#### Box 2:

In 2015/16 the Parish Council received its regular payments from:

- The Precept - £8625.20 (including the grant of £215)
- The peppercorn rent from the Bowling Club and Parish Hall of £6 (this included £5 for the Bowling Club rent for 2015-2019)
- The New Homes Building Grant - £2089
- A VAT refund - £615

The only other income received was a modest amount from:

- The Transparency Fund of £539.02
- The Great Budworth Heritage Society gave a grant of £500 to assist with the repair of a local historical landmark owned by the Parish Council.
- A repayment by the Clerk for a wages overpayment of £13.92

In 2016/17 the Parish Council due to the significant loss in income 2015/16 had to find ways to increase its income, one of the ways this was addressed was via an increase in the Parish Precept – the justification given was as follows:

*“Substantial sums have been allocated to Parish Projects including The Parish Field, the tree work required in The Avenue and the Finials. An amount of £4000 has also been included as a contingency/reserve fund. Additional increases include the Parish Council Insurance as a result of the advice received from our Insurance Company regarding our future premium. The Clerks overall expenditure and recent requirement to provide a pension have also led to an increase on last years spend. Furthermore we have agreed a set cost with John Eaton for general maintenance to make our budgeting more effective. We have also included an amount as in previous years for technical maintenance and domain provision of our website by Nick Baron-Morgan. Therefore our budget requirement for the year is £29,935. Our estimated year end working balance is approximately £19,716. We estimate that we will be able to claim an additional £550 in VAT. Providing a starting total of £20,266. The withdrawal of the New Homes Bonus Scheme has lead to an additional reduction of approximately £2000 in our estimated annual income. The grant we will receive from CWAC is £191 (a 12% decrease on last years award of £215). Meaning we will need to request a precept of £9478 to cover our budgeting requirements - this is an increase of approximately 11% on last years precept request of £8410. This will lead to households in Great Budworth paying an additional 43p/month in 2016/17.”*

### **Box 3**

At the commencement of 2016/17 the Parish Council were facing a significantly reduced planned income (An amount of just 9671 including the precept)

However, additional income was received through the year via:

- £2250 in filming monies from a production company that used the village as a set.
- £9360 as a donation for work to the parish hall roof from the Parish Hall Committee.
- £250.00 from the Parish Council Insurance Provider for previous damage to the Top Pumphouse an asset owned by the Parish Council.
- £53.20 refund from BT.
- £3000 Members Budget Grant for additional work to the Parish Hall.
- £220.00 donation from the Big Boys Breakfast for repairs a set of Kissing gates in the village.

### **Box 4**

The increase of £1204 between 2015/16 and 2016/17 is as a result of:

- The 2016/17 figure reflects that the Clerk has now worked a full year based on a salary of 8 hours per week as opposed to in 2015/16 when only 7 months of that year were based on 8 hours per week and the rest on 5 months of 5 hours per week. Giving an increase of £1008.00 in the Clerks overall salary for 2016/17 from 2015/16.
- The Clerks hourly rate has increased in 2016/17 giving rise to an additional amount of £77/year being paid.
- Additionally in 2016/17 the Clerk and Parish Council now pay a pension contribution for the Clerk – this was not the case in 2015/16 - this amounts to £119/year.

### **Box 6:**

In 2016/17 Great Budworth Parish Council has incurred more significant expenditure than in 2015/16 due to the significant project work that had to be undertaken in particular:

- £13770 for repair to the Parish Hall Roof
- £7896 for a mesh to be laid on the Parish field to widen its use.

Total cost approximately: £21,666

### **Box 9:**

In 2015/16 a set of iron finials were purchased and permanently erected at the entrance to/ exit from the village at a cost of £5020 (£1248 was donated by a member of the village towards the cost, £2524 was paid in the financial year 2015/16 and an additional £1248 was paid in the financial year 2016/17)

As a result of advice from Matt Pickett at BDO the Asset figure in box 9 for 2015/16 has been restated to reflect that the actual cost to the Parish Council in 2015/16 was £2524.

The 2016/17 figure of £416,433 in box 9 reflects that an additional final amount of £1248 was paid for the cost of the finials in this financial year.

**Signed:**

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Clerk and RFO for Great Budworth Parish Council**