



PARISH COUNCIL OF Walsham le Willows

REPORT ON BUDGET VARIANCES (internal Control) for meeting of the Walsham-le-Willows Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Significant overspend on budget to 31st December 2020 of £9869.86 equating to an unfavourable variance of 145% as indicated by the red traffic lights on the reconciliation.

MAJOR UNFAVOURABLE VARIANCES

Re-flooring for the Memorial Hall (2,829.84) and the **re-roofing of the Parish Council shed (£125.00)** – both unexpected expenditures resulting in a variance of 1969% against budget.

Delayed invoicing for phase I of the streetlighting upgrade programme of £10,068.50 resulting in a 313% variance against budget. It is likely that phase II of the street lighting upgrades will also be invoiced in this financial year further increasing this overspend against budget although reserves were allocated for part of this this.

Road Safety was also a significant unplanned expenditure of **£702** resulting in a variance of 351%. This was due to the commissioning of traffic surveys prompted by complaints by parishioners about known traffic speed issues and the fact that it transpired the County Council had no data on file. This variance will be increased further before year end by the purchase of a solar panel for the SID and a new battery to increase active time by doing away with the need for battery recharging downtime (and the additional time required of councillors in order to maintain an active device).

OTHER NOTABLE UNFAVOURABLE VARIANCES

Subscriptions – and unexpected payment of £129.51 on Zoom video Conferencing to facilitate ongoing Parish Council meetings through lockdown (contributing to a variance of 130%).

Waste Collection - unexpected costs for skip hire during first lockdown to assist parishioners with garden waste disposal £480 (contributing to a variance of 179%).

Website – a two yearly payment for domain hosting of £263.74 (contributing to a variance of 233%) and which will be balanced next year as no payment will be due.

The Parish Council has built up reserves that covers all of this unexpected expenditure. A further Locality Award grant of £530 is likely before the end of this financial year.

In addition to the precept and other regular grants for 2021/22 the Parish Council will also receive an additional £402 grant from MSDC with the precept and a confirmed CIL payment of £20,388.50 against a total CIL payment advised for the Parish of £101,942.50. £81,544 is yet to be collected from the developers and so has not yet been confirmed for payment.

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