

Explanation of significant variations 2017/18

Beckington Parish Council

Box 2 – Precept

Last year - £8,500

This year - £13,891

The Parish Council carried out a Parish wide survey to ask Parishioners what they would like to see done in the Parish and what their priorities were. The Parish council now have now have a number of projects underway with top priority being given to two new bus stops and the new allotments. The precept was increased to start to build up some money to pay for the projects.

Box 3 – Other receipts

Last year - £628

This year - £4,672

The Council received a cheque for £3,200 from Mrs Pritchard (resident of the Parish) whose late husband was the Parish Council Chairman. The money was because of fundraising by Mrs Pritchard and is for a new bus stop on Bath Road in memory of her husband. The Parish Council will hold this money until the project is underway and then use it to pay for the bus stop. The council also received a grant for the website for £1,145.80 and a VAT refund for £322.45

Box 7 – Staff Costs

Last year - £2,797

This year - £3,571

The number of staff hours have been increased, in line with recommendations, to reflect the ever-growing workload that the administration of the Parish Council involves and to address a historical undervaluation. The Councils HMRC account was in credit, so figure would have been higher.

Box 6 – Other payments

Last year - £5535

This year - £7006

The Parish Council carried out more project this year than last, including a new website costing £1,080.00, Parish repairs costing £365.00 and a donation to the 267 bus service of £365.67. this is in addition of the services it carried out last year.

Box 7 – Balance carried forwards.

Last year - £12,158

This year - £20,145

The council has started to build up earmarked funds for capital projects.