

REPORT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Catterall Parish Council carried forward £67,850.93.

Payments amounted to £146,409.70

And receipts £142,280.18

Giving a balance of £71,980.45 to carry forward to 2020 – 2021.

The precept was increased by £5,000 in line with the budget recommendations to pay towards work on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field and a second Christmas Tree at Catterall Village Hall. With a new Parish Lengthsman training courses are required and to purchase of a trailer and replacement mower.

Receipts came from a slight increase in bank interest, increase in Parish Lengthsman hours by Kirkland Parish Council and the loan for printing 'A Ramble Around Catterall' was repaid in full. Wyre Council's loan of £30,000 was initially paid by cheque, but this was then made by BACS and the cheque was brought bank to the bank. Work on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field was partly covered by a grant and some of this was claimed - £27,000. The Catterall based Shazzann Team, who run the Health Mile, paid for a chatty bench to be installed once we are back to normal.

Expenditure is greatly reduced; by £188,000, due mainly to the completion of many of the play facilities on the Queen Elizabeth II Playing Field; spending £152,000 LESS this year! This had a knock on effect of increasing VAT reclaim; these have now dropped by £30,000. Maintenance costs of the Parish Council assets have dramatically reduced by £3,000, as have administration costs and the Parish Council made fewer donations.

There are increases in training with the many courses for the new Parish Lengthsman and purchase of a new trailer and replacement mower and the audit increased by £450, based on the amount of cash going through the accounts.

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