

Pett Parish Council Second Quarter Financial Report 2018-2019

Receipts taken for the second quarter totalled £12,450 giving a six month total of £25,905. The council has now received all income from the precept and allotments. Advertising income will continue. The magazine team is very successful with sales of adverts.

Total spending for the year was budgeted at £ 28,441. Payments made for the second quarter totalled £6,380.24 net of vat giving six month a total of £10,469.28. With approximately £5000 of known one off payments still to be made, the council spending should be staying within the overall budget. Some budgeted amounts will not be fully taken up and it is possible for the council to use the under spend in other areas.

Administration costs seem to be as budgeted except for subscriptions which might be due to the subscription to a Data Officer. As the renewal of the data registration approaches in January next year, the council may wish to consider whether to continue this or not, now that it has been clarified that a parish council in England no longer falls within the definition of a "local authority" for the Data Protection Law revisions of the 2018. The £1,000 contingency fund which is as yet unallocated and should be used to cover the cost of the £626.17 of the defibrillator, so far. The noticeboard budget may be insufficient but it does look as if it may take some time to organise the three signs and so this year's budgeted amount could be ring fenced to be used for this next year along with any sum budgeted for the next financial year. Though the surface water issues on the recreation ground may be physically resolved the council is working with solicitors to provide the easement documentation and with the additional questions that the solicitor has raised that £600 sum under administration may be slightly exceed. However there are other sums highlighted for surface drainage £500 that could be used to cover the extra cost. I would like to suggest that if the council reviews its thoughts on foul water drainage provision for the recreation ground and whether to ring fence any unspent budgeted amounts for this.