

Pett Parish Council First Quarter Financial Report 2020 -2021

The normal pattern of expenditure (payments) and income (receipts) was subdued by the COVID-19 pandemic. The 23 March saw the country go into lock down till the end of May with a limited and steady relaxation of guidelines since then. The council was reduced to basic running but it played a part in the setting up the Pett arm of Rye Mutual Aid which helped the vulnerable who were required to shield and other residents in isolation. The group will continue to run whilst needed. Pett PC donated £500 to the group back in April but the donation has since been recovered from the Hastings Direct Fund. Residents were kept up to date with how to stay safe and changes on guidelines through the website while the Pett and Pett Level News went online only. On the recreation ground the play area and pavilion were closed but the ground was kept mown and pleasant for those out taking their daily walk. At first, the council was unable to hold any meetings but once virtually meetings for parish council was made legal, Pett PC delegated the daily running of the council to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and has held shorter virtual meetings to deal with priority matters.

Current Account

Total receipts for the quarter is £12,639 principally made up of the first half of the Pett Parish Council share of council tax £11,500 and £760 from the Pett Allotment Society being the annual hire charge of the plots. The numbers of those interested in allotments has been boosted as a result of the virus and the opportunity it provides for a safe outdoor past time. While the magazine was not delivered advertisers have been given time in lieu so receipts are down.

Total Payments for the quarter is £6,159 with £1,624 still to be cleared for the period making a total of £7,783. £ 1637.67 being outstanding payment to id verde for the 2019 village maintenance contract and £120 for 2019 payroll. Large still outstanding costs from the previous financial year include the repairs to the play area £520; cost for the surface water drainage easement (reserve of £2,000); £100 for the 2019 allotment lease rental charge to Mr Pardii. Some progress has been made on both of the later but final papers are still to be signed. Charges for the current quarter of this financial year have been much as expected.

As at the 30th June 2020 the bank balance stood at £ 32,250 (taking into consideration unrepresented amounts). In addition to outstanding invoices the council holds within the current account the following ring fenced sums:

Noticeboard military canal (1,800.00)

Noticeboard Wreck post (£1,000.00)

Pavilion works (2,100.00)

Community Infrastructure Levy (2,506.14)

Reserve 50% precept (£10,000.00)

Project Remember

The Roll of Honour in the Methodist Church was repainted at a cost of £60 bringing the balance to £1,458.