

Laxton & Moorhouse Parish Council

Significant variances 2017-18

- Line 2 – Precept - £3000 in 2016/17, £4600 in 2017/18, (+£1600 = +53%). Precept in 2016/17 should have been £3600. Reduced by £600 due to administrative error that year which was overlooked and not corrected. At £3600 precept proving insufficient:
 1. With no spare funds with which to fund any improvements for the parish
 2. Without provision for erosion of the value of the precept attributable to increasing prices historically and going forward.
 3. Without consideration of the possibility that, at some point, the government will introduce the previously threatened referendum requirement.Precept for 2017/18 fully considered and budgeted for and precept increased to realistic figure of £4600.

- Line 3 – Total other receipts
2016-17 = £6001
2017-18 = £1855

Significant difference (-£4146 = -70%) attributable to:

1. Donations/grants received in 2016-17 totalled £6000 for a village sign project. In 2017-18 grants totalled £1787 (- £4213)
 2. No rent received 2016/17. Rent received in 2017/18 was £68 (+£68)
 3. +£4213-£68 =£4145.
- Line 5 – Staff costs
2016-17 = £3102
2017-18 = £2159
Significant difference (-£943 = -30%) attributable to transition period in 2016-17 between appointment of new clerk and former clerk's retirement during which time there were two clerks. This was not a factor in 2017-18.

C Millward Clerk
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