

ILTON PARISH COUNCIL

SIGNIFICANT VARIATIONS - ANNUAL RETURN at 31st MARCH 2021

The explanation of the significant variations is as follows:

BOX 6 - All other payments

Figure in 2020 column = £68,022

Figure in 2021 column = £57,742

Variance = - £10,280 / 15.11%

- In the financial year to 31/3/20 clerk's expenses were £326; in this financial year they were £419 making an increase of **+ £93**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 insurance costs were £738; this year they were £746 making an increase of **+ £8**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 printing costs were £118; this year they were £274 because a whole village survey was done for the proposed skate park, making an increase of **+ £156**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 grants totalling £990 were made; this year grants totalling £217 were made making a decrease of **- £773**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 the rent of the Village Hall was £204; this year it was £0 because the Hall has been closed and meetings have been on Zoom, making a decrease of **- £204**
- In this financial year to 31/3/2020 the cost of the Ranger scheme was £1,687; this year the cost was £3,163 because much of the work of strimming and cutting hedges has been passed to the Ranger rather than being in the main grass cutting contract, making an increase **of + £1,476**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 £100 was spent on the Overspill Car Park; this year the expenditure was £0 making a decrease of **- £100**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 the amount spent on Cemetery maintenance (not including grass and hedges) was £179; this year the expenditure was £1,052 because two trees were removed, making an increase of **+ £873**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 the amount spent on Churchyard maintenance (not including grass and hedges) was £0; this year the expenditure was £1,500 because work was done on two trees, making an increase of **+ £1,500**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 the amount spent on maintenance of Brook Green Common (not including grass cutting) was £90; this year the expenditure was £0 making a decrease of **- £90**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 £801 was spent on Play Equipment Inspections; this year the expenditure was £1,092 because the contract was extended to the gym equipment, making an increase of **+ £291**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 £205 was spent on maintenance of the Play Park; this year the expenditure was £656 making an increase of **+ £451**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 £0 was spent on grass cutting (because the invoice had not arrived); this year the expenditure was £5,398 making an increase of **+ £5,398**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 £0 was spent on grass cutting capital expenditure; this year expenditure was £10,964 because the Council is taking grass cutting in-house, making an increase of **+ £10,964**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 the amount spent on refurbishment of the Play Park was £9,346 for new fencing; this year the expenditure was £0, making a decrease of **- £9,346**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 expenditure on the maintenance of the new Playing Field was £1,175; this year expenditure has been £1,021 making a decrease of **- £154**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 expenditure on development of the new Playing Field was £37,972; this year the football pitch was finished with expenditure of £21,459 making a decrease of **- £16,513**
- In this financial year to 31/3/2020 the amount spent on electricity supply was £1,100; this year the cost was £457 making a decrease of **- £643**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 £1,887 was spent on sundries which included the provision of a proper stand for a village Christmas tree and the purchase of the tree and also extra litter picking,; this year expenditure was £1,158 making a decrease of **- £729**
- In the financial year to 31/3/2020 VAT costs of £10,421 were incurred; this year the cost was £7,487 making a decrease of **- £2,934**

The figures (rounded up or down) above are as follows:

Clerk's expenses	+ £	93
Insurance	+ £	8
Printing	+ £	156
Grants	- £	773
Rent Village Hall	- £	204
General Maintenance (Ranger scheme)	+ £	1,476
Overspill Car Park	- £	100
Cemetery Maintenance	+ £	873
Churchyard Maintenance	+ £	1,500
Brook Green Common Maintenance	- £	90
Play Equipment Inspections	+ £	291
Play Park Maintenance	+ £	451
Grass Cutting	+ £	5,398
Grass Cutting capital expenditure	+ £	10,964
Play Park Refurbishment	- £	9,346
Playing Field Maintenance	- £	154
Playing Field Development	- £	16,513
Playing Field Electricity	- £	643
Sundries	- £	729
VAT	- £	2,934
Total	- £	10,276

Box 7 - Balances carried forward

Figure in 2020 column = £85,945

Figure in 2021 column = £149,659

The Parish Council was given a 14 acre field on a long 299 year renewable lease, 4 years ago. It was also promised over £200,000 in grants from the donor of the field which were specifically for the development of the field, plus a number of grants under S106 from the local authority. The last of the S106 grants was received in this financial year for the construction of the football pitch and most of that now been spent on the pitch (there is some more work to do this year to finish the pitch so some of the S106 grant is still being held).

The money promised from the donor of the Field has been partially drawn down each year to cover the ongoing development of the Field as a Playing Field. This financial year £75,580 was drawn down. That money is restricted for the Playing Field development.

At the end of this financial year the council was holding £92,195.85 in restricted funds for the development of the Playing Field. This represents the remains of a grant from the District Council which is restricted to the construction of the Football Pitch, and part of a grant from the Warren Trust for the development of the Playing Field.

It also holds £2,183.77 which is the balance of money held in the Village Plan account and is to be used for specific named projects within the village and £40.00 which is CIL money and is also restricted for specific projects within the village.

At the end of the financial year the council was holding £55,239 in unrestricted funds.

At the end of the financial year there were a number of invoices outstanding including £5,240 for grass cutting in the last financial year which have now been paid. There is also more outstanding work on the maintenance of the trees in the Churchyard which is being carried out early summer at an estimated cost of £700 and a new gate is on order for the Play Park at a cost of £1,000 including fitting.

The Council has ordered a number of benches and picnic benches for the Playing Field at a cost of just over £5,000 which will come from the restricted funds. The Council is also constructing a perimeter path at a cost of £40,000 which will be completed this year and also fencing the community gardens area.

The Council is also looking at constructing a skate park in the Field using most of the remaining grant money which was promised to the Council. To achieve this will need some fundraising because the cost has been estimated to be in the region of £150,000. At the moment we are waiting for final plans for the skate park from the chosen contractor so that a planning application can be made.

Box 9 - Total Fixed Assets plus other long term investments

Figure in 2020 column = £208,649

Figure in 2021 column = £241,072

Variance = £32,423 / 15.54%

In this financial year the new football pitch has been constructed at an initial cost of £21,459 and the council have bought grass cutting equipment costing £10,964. All grass cutting is to be taken in-house from this year using our own equipment.