

WHEPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

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ANNUAL RETURN FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

Section 1 – The Statement of Accounts

Variances Explanation

Line 2 – Annual Precept

The annual precept was up by £386 to £8,796, an increase of 4.5%

Line 3 – Total Other Receipts

At £2,235, the 221% increase was almost entirely accounted for by the receipt of 2 Locality Budget donations of £1,900.

Line 4 – Staff Costs

Up £699, the 15% increase is significant. Based on the previous year's hours, only £177 of that is accounted for by a .43p an hour pay rise for the clerk. The rest is based on a much increased workload – an election, 2 co-options, work on installing 2 new VAS posts, producing a new footpath leaflet and work relating to a potential donation of land to the village which involves extra minutes taken in private session at each meeting since last July.

Line 6 – All Other Payments

Up 32% at £1,965 this reflects the £3,660 cost of a new VAS, only half of which was covered by a grant. A £438 bill for work on the bus shelter also pushed up costs.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully

**Di Rix (Mrs)
Parish Clerk**