

Annual Return for the Year ended March 31st 2016

	Year to Mar 31st 2015 £	Year to Mar 31st 2016 £	variation %
Balances Brought Forward	51,877	78,556	51.43
add Annual Precept	79,436	80,632	1.51
add Total Other Receipts	15,672	5,671	-63.82
less Staff Costs	18,221	30,524	67.52
less Loan/Interest Capital Repayments	16,700	16,362	-2.02
less All Other Payments	33,508	34,055	1.63
Balances Carried Forward	78,556	83,918	6.83
Total Cash and Short Term Investments	78,556	83,918	6.83
Total Fixed Assets	306,007	306,807	0.26
Total Borrowings	196,205	186,929	-4.73

Notes

Balances Brought Forward

The Parish Council has again carried forward a larger balance into 2015/16, still with a view to funding a memorial for the village. A further premature loan repayment was considered, however with elections in May 2015, it was decided that this should be a decision for the new Parish Council.

Total Other Receipts

This figure is lower than the previous year because the previous year included a Business Rates Rebate of £2,200 due to an adjustment in the Parish Rooms' rateable value. The VAT reclaim for the previous year was also higher by £8,000 as this was a back claim for refurbishment work on the Parish Rooms.

Staff Costs

Staff costs in 2015/16 were significantly higher than in the previous year. Members allowances increased by £3,000 - due in part to an increase in the number of seats on the Parish Council, and also an increase in the number of Councillors eligible to claim allowances. An additional £5,000 is due to an increase in the hours of both the Clerk and the admin assistant, plus the one off payment of hours worked by the Clerk to complete the CiLCA qualification. At the end of March 2016, the Clerk moved from the payroll of SMBC to the PC payroll, as SMBC had always invoiced the PC for this cost quarterly in arrears, this has resulted in 15 months of the Clerk's salary being paid in 2015/16 (an additional £4,000) - as the PC accounts on a cash basis.

Dickens Heath Parish Council

Receipts and Payments for the year ending March 31st 2016

	£
Receipts	
Precept	80,632
Council Tax Support Grant	765
Other	1,455
VAT	3,451
Total Receipts	86,303
Payments	
<u>Parish Rooms</u>	
Loan Repayments	16,362
Service Charge/Ground Rent	3,317
Rates/Water	152
Professional Services	415
Electricity/Gas	2,220
Fire alarm/Security/Key holding	1,590
Cleaning/Window Cleaning	1,075
Consumables	98
Equipment Replacement/Maintenance	230
VAT	1,196
	26,655
<u>Parish Council Administration</u>	
Staff Costs (clerk/assist/councillors' allow)	28,724
Administration Costs	2,052
Professional Services (Planning/Payroll/Other)	145
Insurance	860
Audit	444
Annual Parish Meeting	78
Newsletter	409
Subscriptions/Training/Travel Expenses	1,389
VAT	385
	34,486
<u>Other - Community</u>	
Staff Costs (handyman)	1,800
Hanging Baskets/Watering/Solar Xmas Trees	8,722
Planters/Landscaping	486
Deep Cleanse of Pavements	1,500
Youth Club	3,000
Memorial	226
Other Donations (grants/Xmas tree/wreaths)	2,256
Other	70
VAT	1,740
	19,800
Total Payments	80,941
Surplus 2015/16	5,362
Surplus 2014/15 brought forward	78,556
Total Surplus at March 31st 2016	83,918