

STRADISHALL PARISH COUNCIL
Financial Report 2017

The information presented below is provided to meet the requirements of the Transparency Code 2015.

Parish Councillors in 2016/17

Ady Swift (Chairman)
Adrian Lee (Vice-Chairman)
Martin Hurst
Robert Deeks
Debbie Gates
Ian Hutchinson
Jonathan Masefield

Details of Public Land and Building Assets

The Council leases the playing field in St Margaret's Place, Stradishall from Greene King.

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31 March 2017 (including expenditure above £100)

Date	Income	Year ending 31/03/16	Year ending 31/03/17
28/04/16	Precept	£5,688	£6,132
28/04/16	Grant from St Edmundsbury Borough Council	£827	£443
2016/17	Bank interest	£3	£5
19/04/16	VAT refund	£593	£228
06/04/16	Refund of pension costs in Feb 2016	£0	£15
2016/17	Donations towards the purchase of the playing field	£0	£16,038
25/01/17	St Edmundsbury Borough Council locality funding for litter picking equipment	£0	£150
	Total Income	£7,111	£23,011
	Expenditure		
2016/17	Staff costs	£2,918	£2,942
06/09/16	Phone costs	£18	£21
	Election costs	£21	£0
31/05/16	Insurance	£445	£464
01/04/16	Subscriptions (SALC and CAS)	£105	£80
14/06/16	Audit fees	£65	£65
2016/17	VAT	£228	£356
2016/17	Playing field (including grass and hedge cutting and playing field maintenance)	£1,265	£1,902
09/05/16	St Margaret's Church	£600	£600
11/05/16	S137 (donations to Suffolk Accident Rescue Service and MAGPAS)	£50	£100
01/11/17	CAS ltd - website hosting fee	£0	£50
06/09/16	Portable hard drive 1/6	£0	£6
28/09/16	Helping Hand - litter pickers	£0	£150
	Total Expenditure	£5,715	£6,737
	Receipts and Payments Summary for Year Ended 31st March 2017		
	B/F April 1st 2016	£8,436.23	
	Add total income	£23,010.92	
	Less total expenditure	£6,737.56	

	Balance as of 31/03/17	£24,709.59	
	Year-end bank reconciliation		
	Current account balance as per bank statement	£5,813.93	
	Balance of HSBC deposit account	£18,895.66	
	Total balances as at 31/03/17	£24,709.59	

Significant Variations in Accounts from 2016 to 2017 as listed above (more than 10%)

Income

	2016	2017	Explanation
Grants	£827	£443	Stradishall Parish Council received a reduced grant (25% less) from St Edmundsbury Borough Council due to cuts in the Parish Council Support Grant and the Council Tax Support Grant.
VAT	£593	£228	Less VAT was claimed in 2016/17
Refund of pension costs in Feb 2016	£0	£15	Due to a change in the clerk's name there was a problem with the direct debit to Fidelity. The Parish Council made a separate payment only to find that the direct debit was actually taken, despite having been told by Fidelity that it had been cancelled. The clerk refunded this additional payment.
Donations towards the purchase of the playing field	£0	£16,038	Stradishall Parish Council started raising the money to purchase the playing field in Stradishall from Greene King.
Interest	£3	£5	More interest was received as there were more funds in the reserve account
St Edmundsbury Borough Council	£0	£150	Stradishall Parish Council received locality funding for litter picking equipment
	£1,423	£16,879	

Expenditure

Insurance	£445	£464	The premium was slightly higher due to an increase in insurance premium tax
Membership subscriptions	£105	£80	Community Action Suffolk no longer charges a membership subscription fee of £25 as it did in 2015/16
Audit fees	£65	£65	No change
Phone costs	£18	£21	Risby Parish Council took out a new phone contract in 2016/17 so the cost increased slightly. The cost is split between the six parish councils the clerk works for so the amount Stradishall PC pays increased as well
S137	£50	£100	Stradishall Parish Council made a donation of £50 to Suffolk Accident Rescue Service in 2015/16 and donations of £50 each to Suffolk Accident Rescue Service and MAGPAS in 2016/17
Elections	£21	£0	There were no elections in 2016/17
VAT	£228	£356	More VAT was paid in 2016/17
CAS ltd - website hosting fee	£0	£50	The Parish Council website was transferred by Suffolk County Council to Community Action Suffolk who charge a website hosting fee of £50
Portable hard drive 1/6	£0	£6	Stradishall Parish Council made a 1/6 contribution to Risby Parish Council towards the cost of a new portable hard drive for the backing up of Council files

Playing field (including grass and hedge cutting and playing field maintenance)	£1,265	£1,902	See breakdown of playing field costs below
Stradishall PCC	£600	£600	No change
Helping Hand - litter pickers	£0	£150	Stradishall Parish Council purchased litter picking equipment in 2016/17
	£2,798	£3,795	

Breakdown of playing field costs	2016	2017
Grass and verge cutting cutting and maintenance of play equipment	£1,020	£1,170
Hedge cutting	£95	£112
Brown & Co Valuation of playing field	£0	£300
Playing field rent	£150	£150
Greene and Greene Solicitors - property search for purchase of playing field	£0	£170
	£1,265	£1,902