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2017/18 Approved Budget & Actual Expenditure and Income

1 Attached is a schedule showing actual expenditure and income compared with the approved budget for 2017/18 which shows an overspend of £2,272 (equivalent to 3.3% above budget).

2 The main variations from the budget are:

Parish Hall – Gas/Electricity (Gas £3,400 budget, £5,422 actual) (Electricity £2,400 budget, £2,212 Actual)
In 2015, Utilily Aid (energy consultants recommended by Joseph Rowntree Trust) undertook a review and the 'best deal' was a two-year contract with Yorkshire Gas & Power which produced significant savings on those tariffs offered by British Gas at the time (previous supplier).

Utility Aid were to review the situation at the end of this period March 2017 but work was not undertaken in time to meet the cancellation period deadline.

In the circumstances the best option available to continue with YG& P was a 3-year deal up to September 2020, which on the figures provided would contain expenditure within the budget. For the last year this has not proved to be the case, with expenditure exceeding budget, and examinations are being undertaken to determine if the situation can be improved within the constraints of the present contract.

Parish Hall - Repairs & Maintenance (£2,500 budget, £7,709 actual)
The exceptional elements relate to the costs of fitting replacement doors (including fire doors), the fixed wire test including the highest priority rectification work and the renewal of curtains

Subscriptions (Budget £850, Actual £1,737)
The payment for YLCA 2018/19 was paid in 2017/18

Environment/Community Schemes (Budget £8,803, Actual £13,652)
Significant items relate to the installation of thermoplastic markings at Holly Bush Park and the re-surfacing of the BMX track and associated work

Maintenance of Recreation Grounds & Play Equipment (Budget £10,500, Actual £13,600)
Pressure on this budget was acknowledged with part of the increase in precept being allocated bring the budget to £15,440.

Income –Repayment of VAT (Budget Income £700, Actual Income £7,800)
This is significantly more than the notional budget and reflects VAT refunds on the 'additional' expenditure included in the categories above and the VAT element included in the cost of the re-surfacing of the Parish Hall car park.

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