LODERS PARISH COUNCIL

Finance Report 2020-21

For the financial year 2020-21, Loders Parish Council raised the precept from £14,000 to £15,000, the additional £1,000 being made available to provide a budget to cover the costs of unexpected tree works within the parish.

In addition to the precept of £15,000, other notable receipts received throughout the year included a grant of £637 from the Dorset Community Foundation Coronavirus Fund. In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Parish Council applied for the grant to support the Loders & Uploders COVID-19 Community Support effort to enable the costs incurred by those helping vulnerable and shielding residents to be reimbursed. The Parish Council also received a resident donation of £278.09 to cover the supply and planting of a replacement Lime tree at Well Plot playing fields. A grant for £90 was also received from the Campaign to Protect Rural England towards the renovation costs of the fingerpost at Waddon Way.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, expenditure throughout the year has been slightly lower than budgeted due to all meetings having to take place utilising Zoom technology for a set monthly fee, reduced travel and mileage costs and reduced training costs. The Parish Council is also outstanding an invoice from Loders Academy for the grass cutting at Well Plot playing fields. Expenditure on staff costs however have been higher than budgeted due to the additional workload undertaken by the Clerk arising from additional extra-parish initiatives to which the Council has responded including amongst others the Planning White Paper and the Dorset Council Climate Emergency consultation.

As in previous years, the Parish Council again took the decision to make a donation to the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance and the Bridport Citizens Advice Bureau as both organisations have served residents of the parish in the past and continue to do so.

At the start of the financial year on 1st April 2020, the Parish Council balance was £22,380. Receipts throughout the year totalled £16,771 and expenditure totalled £12,312 resulting in a year-end balance on 31st March 2020 of £26,839.

Joanne Hughes
Clerk to the Council
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