## **STATEMENT OF BELSTONE PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS TO 31.03.18**

The balance at 01.04.17 was £1237.14 in the bank with no money in petty cash. Last year's balance was £2355.19. The reduction on last year is due to £1,188 paid to Drainology for drain cleaning carried out in December 2017. This money will be recouped through the TAP Fund plus an element of VAT which can also be claimed.

Income for the year included the Precept of £1730, a VAT claim for £39.34 and a small amount of interest on the Reserve Account. Expenditure has included Community First Insurance, subscription to Devon Association of Parish Councils, rent for use of the village hall meeting room and the clerk's salary. Payments, apart from the drainage work, were approximately in line with budget estimates with some savings in petty cash and stationery expenses. There were three outstanding cheques amounting to £254 that were included in the accounts – these have now been cleared through the bank.

A payment is also made to South Hams District Council for administration of the clerk's salary and notification of PAYE to HMRC. Section 137 payments totalling £80 were paid to Okehampton Community Transport, North Dartmoor Search and Rescue, West Devon Citizens Advice and Sticklepath Conservation Group. An additional payment of £20 was paid to Belstone Village Hall to cover Parish Council website expenses.

The Parish Council expenses have been set at £1800.00 for 2018/19. This is made up of £37 Council Tax Support Grant and £1,763.00 Precept. It was agreed to increase the clerk's salary to £1200.00