

Belstone Parish Council
Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year 2019/20

Introduction

As the Annual Parish Meeting is taking place at a different time of year from usual (July instead of April), due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the subsequent lock down, the annual accounts for the financial year 2019/20 have been finalised and internally audited. The Internal Auditor's report is attached.

It now remains to authorise the accounts and to agree these and the Certificate of Exemption from the Annual Governance and Accountability Return from PKF Littlejohn, the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd's (SAAA) appointed external auditors.

The first quarter of the 2020/21 financial year is now complete and the return for this is reported in the following ordinary Parish Council meeting agenda.

Financial Year 2019/20

The balance in the Parish Council two accounts stood at £2,921.22 as at 31st March 2020. This was divided between the current account which held £1,279.08 and the business reserve account which held £1,642.14. This as an increase of £658.17 on last year.

The kerbing of the village car park took place during the year, at a cost of £6,913. £4,000 of grants were secured from Devon County Council and the Dartmoor National Park Authority. The balance was made up of contributions from Belstone Commoner's Association, the Village Hall Committee, the Belstone Players and Belstone Parochial Church Council.

The sum of £1,002 was recovered from VAT expenditure during the year.

Only one S137 payment was made - £50 to the North Devon Search and Rescue Group.

The 2020/21 Precept

The precept for 2020/21 has been set at £2,308, an increase of £131 in 2019/20. Changes in the budget are the result of funds being set aside on a four year cycle for elections, an annual fee for the Information Commissioner's Office (in respect of the data protection legislation) and the clerk's salary being brought in line with national pay scales, with 3% being included for a possible national local government pay rise.

Responsible Financial Officer: Date:

Parish Council Chairman: Date: