

LAMPOR AND HANGING HOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

1st April 2017 – 31st March 2018

Explanation of significant variances:

Box 2 Precept

Unchanged from previous year.

Box 3: Total other Receipts: up by £5483 from £705 to £6188

The Parish Council has adopted its BT telephone box in Hanging Houghton for £1 and arranged the purchase and installation of a defibrillator, as have many parish councils. The large increase in receipts comprises a National Lottery Grant together with donations totalling £5581 towards the capital cost. Other receipts are the same as last year and fall below the threshold for reporting. The only other item requiring comment was under the heading VAT whereby in 2017 a repayment of £99.16 was received in respect of VAT incurred on village open spaces grass cutting in 2016 but not in the year under review as the contractor now being used is not registered for value added tax.

Box 4: Staff Costs

Salary and tax figures are unchanged from last year, but there was a small increase in travel expenses from £68 to £83 due to additional meetings. .

Box 6: All other payments increased by £4561 from £2982 to £7543

The increased payments for the current financial year not shown in the accounts for the previous year comprises £4490 being the capital cost of the defibrillator equipment and installation and £32 Neighbourhood Watch newsletter which is a new quarterly innovation. All other payments are largely in line with the previous year and fall below the required reporting threshold.

Section 137 payments

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish Councils to make discretionary payments up to the product of £7.57 per head of electorate for the benefit of people in the area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers.

There are 207 electors. The limit for this Council in the year ended 31st March 2018 was therefore £1,566.99. No expenditure was made under S137 in the financial year.

Signed: 
Chair

Signed: 
Clerk

Date: 22-5-2018