

OUSDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Financial Report 2017

The information presented below is provided to meet the requirements of the Transparency Code 2015.

Parish Councillors in 2016/17

Ian Harding (Chairman)
 Alan Johansen (Vice-Chairman)
 Sylvia Pettitt
 Geoffrey Ingham
 Emna Lindsay
 Guy Holland Bosworth
 John Gale

Details of Public Land and Building Assets

The Council does not own any land or building assets.

Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ended 31 March 2017 (including expenditure above £100)

Date	Income	Year ending 31/03/16	Year ending 31/03/17
28/04/2016	Precept	£4,866.00	£4,969.00
28/04/2016	Grants	£667.00	£365.00
19/04/2016	VAT	£7.45	£201.16
2016/17	Interest	£32.65	£24.21
03/06/16 and 10/11/2016	Recycling credit	£916.95	£882.34
30/04/2016	PCC refund	£64.57	£41.58
	LPC safe rental	£20.00	£0.00
23/06/2016	SALC - transparency fund grant		£936.32
12/07/2016	Little Thurlow Parish Council - money for VAS brackets		£50.00
06/04/2016	Refund of pension costs in Feb 2016		£15.00
		£6,574.62	£7,484.61
	Expenditure		
2016/17	Staff costs	£2,844.84	£3,797.65
14/09/2016	Phone costs	£18.36	£21.36
	Election costs	£21.34	£0.00
26/06/2016	Membership subscriptions	£148.00	£128.52
30/09/2016	Insurance	£511.28	£502.29
	VH rental	£52.00	£0.00
2016/17	GPC	£65.00	£140.00
2016/17	GPC St Barnabas	£83.15	£172.36
2016/17	VAT	£201.16	£163.11
2016/17	Hedge and grass cutting	£710.00	£747.74
	Village hall	£1,600.00	£1,600.00
	Repairs to Council property	£265.00	£0.00
	Westcotec - brackets and clips for VAS	£250.00	£0.00
14/09/2016	Portable hard drive 1/6	£0.00	£6.49
01/11/2016	CAS ltd - website hosting fee	£0.00	£50.00
22/07/2016	SALC - postage costs to return QPS submission documents	£0.00	£3.00

	Other	£18.09	£0.00
01/04/2016	Suffolk County Council - posts for VAS	£0.00	£300.00
21/11/2016	Installation of dog bin	£0.00	£65.00
	Total Expenditure	£6,788.22	£7,697.52
	B/F April 1st 2016		£8,966.25
	Add total income		£7,484.61
	Less total expenditure		£7,697.52
	Balance as of 31/03/17		£8,753.34
	Year-end bank reconciliation		
	Current account balance as per bank statement		£4,371.26
	Balance of deposit account		£4,382.08
	Total balances as at 31/03/17		£8,753.34

Significant Variations in Accounts from 2016 to 2017 as listed above (more than 10%)

Income

	2016	2017	Explanation
Grants	£667	£365	Ousden Parish Council received a reduced grant (25% less) from St Edmundsbury Borough Council due to cuts in the Parish Council Support Grant and the Council Tax Support Grant.
VAT	£7	£201	More VAT was claimed in 2016/17
Refund of pension costs in Feb 2016	£0	£15	Due to a change in the clerk's name there was a problem with the direct debit to Fidelity. The Parish Council made a separate payment only to find that the direct debit was actually taken, despite having been told by Fidelity that it had been cancelled. The clerk refunded this additional payment.
Refund electricity costs St Barnabas 50%	£64	£42	The electricity refund from Ousden PCC to cover 50% of the electricity costs for St Barnabas varies each year depending on usage
Interest	£33	£24	Less interest was received due to lower interest rates
Recycling credit	£917	£882	The amount of recycling credits received varies depending on how much is recycled
SALC - transparency fund grant	£0	£936	Ousden Parish Council received a grant from the Transparency Fund to cover the costs of setting up and maintaining the new Parish Council website to comply with the Transparency Code 2015
Little Thurlow Parish Council - money for VAS brackets	£0	£50	Ousden Parish Council sold a spare set of VAS brackets to Little Thurlow Parish Council for the same amount paid for them.
LPC rental of fireproof safe	£20	£0	No money was reclaimed in 206/17. This was an oversight.
	£1,708	£2,516	

Expenditure

	2016	2017	Explanation
Staff costs	£2,844.84	£3,797.65	Ousden Parish Council received a grant of £936 from the Transparency Fund to enable it to meet the requirements of the Transparency Code 2015. This money was paid to the clerk to cover the hours worked setting up and maintaining the new Parish Council website to comply with the Transparency Code.
Phone costs	£18.36	£21.36	Risby Parish Council took out a new phone contract in 2016/17 so the cost increased slightly. The cost is split between the six parish councils the clerk works for so the amount Ousden PC paid increased as well.
Election costs	£21.34	£0.00	There were no elections in 2016/17
Membership subscriptions	£148.00	£128.52	Community Action Suffolk no longer charges a membership subscription fee of £25 as it did in 2015/16
Insurance	£511.28	£502.29	The insurance premium reduced in 2016/17 because of the removal of the Vehicle Activated Sign from the insurance
VH rental	£52.00	£0.00	The 2016/17 invoice has not been received yet
GPC	£65.00	£140.00	Ousden Parish Council made donations of £50 each to Suffolk Accident Rescue Service and MAGPAS and £40 to the Royal British Legion in 2016/17. In the previous year it made a £25 donation to Newstalk and a £40 donation to the Royal British Legion
GPC St Barnabas	£83.15	£172.36	The electricity bill for St Barnabas varies depending on usage and whether or not the bill is estimated
VAT	£201.16	£163.11	Less VAT was paid in 2016/17
Hedge and grass cutting	£710.00	£747.74	The amount paid varies depending on the number of cuts each year
Village hall	£1,600.00	£1,600.00	No change
Repairs to Council property	£265.00	£0.00	
Westcotec - brackets and clips for VAS	£250.00	£0.00	
Portable hard drive 1/6	£0.00	£6.49	Stradishall Parish Council made a 1/6 contribution to Risby Parish Council towards the cost of a new portable hard drive for the backing up of Council files
CAS Ltd - website hosting fee	£0.00	£50.00	The Parish Council website was transferred by Suffolk County Council to Community Action Suffolk who charge a website hosting fee of £50
SALC - postage costs to return QPS submission documents	£0.00	£3.00	
Other	£18.09	£0.00	
Suffolk County Council - posts for VAS	£0.00	£300.00	
Installation of dog bin	£0.00	£65.00	