

Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council's accounts are prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis, in summary:

**Total Receipts for the year were £36,018** of which 86% was made up of the precept.

VAT (£4719) and a PAYE refund (£256) from HMRC to the value of £4975 were received, and the remaining receipts (£43) were Clive Parish Council contributions for 50% of the monthly Zoom Pro subscription.

**Total Payments for the year were £18,219**, these are summarised below:

	£	%
Administration	8750	48%
Cliffe maintenance	3000	16.5%
Contingency	1561	8.6%
St Lighting Mtce & Energy	928	5.1%
Village Hanging Baskets	912	5%
Village Maintenance	887	4.9%
Insurance	558	3.1%
VAT	503	2.8%
Road Safety	450	2.5%
Local Grants	400	2.2%
Training	270	1.5%

Total payments were 35% under budget for the 2020-21 year, and several budget headers were underspent due to the impact of covid-19. This included mileage, meeting costs, village maintenance, youth grants (as youth and sports clubs were unable to run).

**Local Grants were made up of:**

£250 Hope House (Cuddle Bed project)

£75 Hope House (Tree of Light)

£75 Severn Hospice

These were made using the Council's powers s137 LGA 1972.

**Administration Costs** include Staff Costs £7,160, Audit fees, Annual Subscriptions, Stationery & Printing, Meeting costs, bank fees, website and email costs, etc.

**Contingency spending was made up of:**

£465 New notice board for Birch Grove (awaiting installation by Shropshire Council)

£694 Crime prevention (SmartWater kits)

£211 Church clock maintenance

£107 Christmas tree lights

£75 Remembrance Day wreaths

£9 Covid-19 helpline

**Total Funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 £44,401**, these are held at Unity trust Ltd (the Council switched bank accounts in Dec 2019, and closed the Bank of Ireland account at the same time). Earmarked reserves balance was £13,957 at year end, which gives a general reserve balance of £30,804 (12.5 months Net Revenue Expenditure) which meets best practice recommendations for a Council of this size.

**Contingent Assets & Liabilities:** The Parish Council is expecting to reclaim the VAT spent during the year, i.e., £503. It has committed expenditure of £1095+VAT for 3 x solar panels

for VAS signs in the parish, invoice expected around May 2021. Whilst the PC will not hold any of the funding or manage the project, £225,000 of Shropshire Council CIL has been allocated to road safety improvements in the parish. The PC and Safer Roads Group are closely involved in discussions to ensure that this CIL funding addresses road safety concerns in the community.

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