

ASHMANSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL – SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES 2017/18

Box 2 (Annual Precept)

2016/17: £3,000

2017/18: £4,123

The precept went up to £4,123 and was raised to take account of lost funding from the borough council.

Box 3 (Total Other Receipts)

31st March 2016 - £5,438

31st March 2017- £1,697

Difference of £3,741

	2016/17	2017/18	Difference
General Grant	£1,100	£733	-£367
Council Tax support grant	£23	£15	-£8
Other grants	£3,855	-----	-£3,855
VAT recovered	£187	£673.30	+£486
Grass cutting grant	£273	£276	+£3
		TOTAL	-£3,741

Other grants – in 2016/17 the council applied for and received a grant of £2,085.21 towards achieving compliance with the transparency regulations. The council also received donations and funds raised in relation to £770.20 towards painting a village phone box, £200 towards purchasing planning at the local recreation ground and £800 in relation to the purchase of a defibrillator, located at the village hall. The council received only the precept, funding from the borough and recovered VAT in 2017/18.

Council tax support grant and Grass cutting grant – determined by BDBC, and no explanation given for the variance.

Box 4 (Staff Costs)

31st March 2016 - £1,671

31st March 2017 - £1,572

Not a significant variance.

Box 5 (Loan Interest)

Not applicable.

Box 6 (All Other Payments)

31st March 2017 - £5,024

31st March 2018 - £3,440

£1,584 variance.

	2016/17		Difference
Fees & Subs	£1,022.99	£1,043.96	+£20.97
Discretionary payments	20	£1,320	+£1,300
Grass cutting and infrastructure	£3,257.29	£986.50	-£2,270.79
Admin/office	£50.10	£21	-£29.10
VAT	£673.30	£68.60	-£604.70
		TOTAL	-£1,584

Fees & subs – no significant variance.

Discretionary payments –Donations in 2016/17 were less than usual. Donations in 2017/18 were as follows: -

£300 Ashmansworth Social Group
£500 Ashmansworth Village Hall
£500 Ashmansworth PCC
£20 Royal British Legion

Grass Cutting & infrastructure – in 2016/17, in addition to the ongoing grass cutting costs, the parish council purchased a defibrillator for installation at the village hall at a VAT inclusive cost of £1,512, refurbished a telephone box at a VAT inclusive cost of £970 and also purchased some road planings at a cost of £276 to fill in a pot-holed access road to the recreation ground.

Admin/office – these costs are variable and the variance is not significant.

VAT – the VAT amount was larger in 2016/17 due to the number of purchases made in that year.

Box 7 & 8

Please see bank reconciliation.

Box 9 (Total Fixed Assets)

No change as no assets have been purchased in the past year.

Box 10 (Total Borrowings)

Not applicable.