

# The Orchards and Margaret Marsh Parish Council

## Explanation of Variances for the Annual Return

Financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Current and Reserve Account Balances totaling **£2781.33** were brought forward from previous financial year and **£2129.69** carried forward to FY 2020-2021. Total expenditure for FY 2019-2020 was **£3119.67**.

The precept for FY 2019-2020 was **£2421** an increase of **£765** compared to the previous Financial Year. This was to budget for the cost of the election, the increase in the Clerk's salary to the national scale and Clerk's training and Councillor training.

Budgets for one off grant awards were included in the precept.

The cost of the restoration of the signposts (£700) was not included as there were adequate funds held in the general reserves to meet the cost. An additional cost of £54 for the website to be compliant with new Accessibility legislation had not been budgeted for in the 2019-2020 FY.

The Clerk's salary of £742.50 was below the budgeted figure of £850.

The increase in expenditure was due to:

- The Chairman attended a training course on Planning and attended the DAPTC Conference.
- A Councillor attended a DAPTC training course on Planning.
- Restoration of Signposts.
- Website updated to be compliant with Accessibility legislation.
- The Clerk attended the DAPTC Clerks' Conference and training.
- The cost of the payroll administration had increased.

Budget amounts for all other items of expenditure were in line with the previous year.