

South Hinksey Parish Council

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Explanation of significant variations between 2017-18 and 2018-19

Box 3: Total other receipts

2017-18: £2,521

2018-19: £6,265

This represented an increase of £3,744 or 149%.

The three factors which led to this variation were as follows:

1. Burial ground

In 2017-18 there was only one burial, the lowest figure for a year ever recorded, and receipts totalled only £845. By contrast, in 2018-19 there were three interments and numerous payments for other services, totalling £4,380, the highest total ever recorded.

Contribution to variation: £3,535.

2. VAT

The Council received a VAT refund in 2017-18 of only £289.83, covering a period of 11 months. The Council paid an exceptionally low amount of VAT in 2017-18 because its maintenance contract (typically second only to staff costs in the Council's budget) had been awarded to Oxford City Council who did not charge VAT on their invoices.

In 2018-19 this contract was transferred to the City Council's new company Oxford Direct Services Ltd which did charge VAT on its invoices and the Council received the refund of the whole of its 2018-19 before the end of the financial year.

Contribution to variation: £792.

3. Grants

The Council received one, one-off grant in 2017-18, a Transparency Fund grant of £542.47 but no one-off grants whatsoever in 2018-19.

Contribution to variation: -£543.

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