

South Hinksey Parish Council

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

Box 4: Staff costs

2017-18: £7,111 (re-stated)

2018-19: £5,165

This represented a reduction of £1,946 or 27%.

The main factor was that the Council's cheque for £2,359 for the Clerk's pay and expenses signed at its March 2017 meeting was refused by the Council's bank because of what it regarded as an unacceptable difference between the signature of one councillor on the cheque and on the mandate. A replacement cheque was signed at the Council's April 2017 meeting.

The majority of the staff costs for 2016-17 therefore fell in the 2017-18 accounts as well as the whole of the staff costs for 2017-18. By contrast, the staff costs figure for 2018-19 represents just one year's expenditure.

The staff costs figure for 2017-18 has been re-stated because the Council has for many years included staff travel costs within "All other payments" whereas *Governance and Accountability* (and its forerunners) stated that staff travel costs should be included in staff costs. Staff travel costs in 2017-18 amounted to £99.30.

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