

South Hinksey Parish Council

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Explanation of significant variations between 2018-19 and 2019-20

Box 6: All other payments

2018-19: £11,982

2019-20: £15,248

This represented an increase of £3,266 or 27%.

The £3,266 increase in All Other Payments was the net outcome of many factors. The five largest changes in spending were in descending order as follows:

1. Hinksey Hill 30mph speed limit reduction

The Council spent £2,600 in 2018-19 on legal fees for a Traffic Regulation Order reducing the speed limit on Hinksey Hill from 40mph to 30mph. The Council spent £6,360.69 in 2019-20 towards the implementation of the new limit; further payments of £3,000 will be made in each of the next four financial years.

Contribution to variation: +£3,761.

2. Defibrillator

The automated external defibrillator, which is kept in a heated cabinet by the side to the Village Hall, costs the Council nothing in alternate years because the pads only have to be replaced every two years. However, the battery has to be replaced every four years.

In 2018-19 the Council spent nothing. In 2019-20 the Council paid £338 to replace the battery, the pads and the rescue kit.

Contribution to variation: +£338.

3. Maintenance

The Council's contractors charged a total of £4,350 for maintenance work in 2018-19 but only £4,029 in 2019-20.

Contribution to variation: -£321.

4. Purchase of office equipment

In 2018-19 the Council purchased a laptop computer for £367.49 using a Transparency Grant received in 2017-18. In 2019-20 the Council purchased a scanner for £74.99 using some of the remaining amount of the grant.

Contribution to variation: +£292.50.

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5. Burial Ground

In 2018-19 the Council made four payments totalling £1,434.24, three of which totalling £1,140 were for the digging of graves. In 2019-20 the Council made eight payments totalling £1,172.56, the largest of which was £350 for a professional inspection of the safety of headstones.

Contribution to variation: -£262.

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