

Yardley Hastings Parish Council - Explanation of significant variances for 2015/16

	This Yr 2015/16 (£)	Last Yr 2014/15 (£)	Diff (£)	Diff (%)+/-	Explain (Y/N)	Explanation	Amount (£)
2	12,118	11,856	262	+2	N		
3	898	5,476	-4,578	-84	Y	<p>In 2014/15 the Council received a one- off grant from the Northamptonshire County Council Councillors' Empowerment fund towards the cost of a Bus Shelter</p> <p>In 2014/15 the Council also received a one-off grant from the South Northamptonshire Council (New Homes Bonus Fund) towards the cost of the Bus Shelter.</p> <p>In 2010 the Council (together with other Parish Councils in the County) contributed funds towards the setting up of a lobbying group known as "Mid Northants Parishes". In 2014/15 this group was disbanded resulting in a refund of £70 to each Parish.</p> <p>The Council submits a claim for refund of VAT once a year. In 2014/15 this amounted to £1,997, but in 2015/16 it was only £770. The purchase of the Bus Shelter in 2014/15 was vatable, whereas in 2015/16 there was no vatable capital expenditure.</p> <p>In 2014/15, because the Clerk's Tax Code changed during the year, HMRC were temporarily overpaid. In 2015/16 this was refunded by HMRC.</p>	<p>-700</p> <p>-2,700</p> <p>-70</p> <p>-1,227</p> <p>119</p>
4	2,203	2,733	-530	-19	Y	<p>The Clerk's hourly rate of pay was increased in April 2014, backdated to 1st July 2013, (following the overdue 2013 appraisal), again in October 2014, backdated to 1st July 2014, (following the 2014 appraisal) and again in January 2015 (following the agreed NJC pay award). No increases have been agreed since January 2015 and no backdated pay was paid during 2015/16.</p> <p>Because the Clerk's Tax Code changed during 2014/15 HMRC were temporarily overpaid.</p> <p>In 2014/15 a sum of £154 was included under this heading in relation to office expenses incurred by the Clerk, together with a registration fee of £250 paid to the SLCC to enable the Clerk to submit his portfolio of evidence for the Certificate in Local Council Administration. The equivalent expenditure in 2015/16 is now included under heading 6. (The figure of £2,203 is the Clerk's gross pay in 2015/16.)</p>	<p>-6</p> <p>-119</p> <p>-404</p>
6	11,434	16,355	-4,921	-30	Y	<p>In 2014/15 the Council purchased a Bus Shelter.</p> <p>In May 2015 the Council's electricity supplier increased its energy charges by 40%: So in 2015/16 the cost of public lighting was £2,196. In 2014/15 it was only £1,523</p>	<p>-6,376</p> <p>673</p>

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						In 2014/15 the cost of street light repairs was £116. In 2015/16 it was £128.	12
						In January 2015 the "Handyman Contract" was re-awarded w.e.f. 1 st April 2015. In 2014/15 the cost of the Handyman was £2,952. In 2015/16 it was £3,060.	108
						In 2015/16 there was an uncontested election.	39
						In 2015/16 the Council spent £285 on tree surgery. (None required in 2014/15).	285
						In 2014/15 the cost of repairs to the skateboard ramps in the Recreation Ground was £622. No repairs were required in 2015/16.	-622
						In 2015/16 the cost of general repairs was £270. In 2014/15 the Council only paid out £256, for paint (used by the Community Payback Team to paint railings and benches).	14
						In 2015/16 the total cost of repairs to play equipment in the Recreation Ground (inc. the Playground area) was £1,344. In 2014/15 the cost of repairs was £362	982
						The Council's Insurance premium increased from £623 in 2014/15 to £643 in 2015/16.	20
						In 2015/16 the Council instructed IT consultants to set up a new website.	500
						In 2015/16 the Council incurred additional Hall Hire costs for an exhibition	62
						In 2015/16 NorthantsCALC increased its membership subscription	170
						In 2015/16 the cost of training was £157. In 2014/15 it was zero.	157
						In 2014/15 "Office Expenses" were included under heading 4. In 2015/16 these were £164	164
						In 2015/16 the VAT paid by the Council was £854. In 2014/15 it was £1,965	-1,111
9	65,328	63,538	1,790	+2.8	Y	A Defibrillator and its housing were donated to the Council.	1,790