

Fradley and Streethay Parish Council  
Significant Variances



31 March 2020

	2018/19 £	2019/20 £	Variance £
<b>Box 2 Precept - increase of £24,228 in 2019/2020 by 32.42%</b>			
Budget increase to cover expected and anticipated increase in Grounds Maintenance costs	29,830.00	37,350.00	7,520.00
Budget increase to cover additional Staff costs and a Clerk Assistant	27,034.00	38,912.00	11,878.00
Anticipated increase to other General Administration costs	7,416.00	10,351.00	2,935.00
Budget increase for Projects and Grants	8,520.00	9,000.00	480.00
Increase in expected Miscellaneous Expenditure	1,930.00	3,345.00	1,415.00
	<u>74,730.00</u>	<u>98,958.00</u>	<u>24,228.00</u>
<b>Box 3 Total other receipts - increase of £13,468.00 in 2019/20 by 71.68%</b>			
Increase in Account interest	139.90	187.61	47.71
Increase in VAT Claim	5,248.60	14,832.00	9,583.40
Decrease in Donations received	3,059.00	0.00	-3,059.00
Decrease in Youth & Community Centre annual rent plus rent arrears and interest	87.83	0.00	-87.83
Decrease in Refund of Grant to set up a Youth Club	250.00	0.00	-250.00
Increase in General Administration	0.00	218.67	218.67
Increase in Open Space	0.00	1,208.60	1,208.60
Increase in Milestone 1 Section 106 monies various projects	10,000.00	15,806.45	5,806.45
	<u>18,785.33</u>	<u>32,253.33</u>	<u>13,468.00</u>
<b>Box 4 Staff costs - increase of £18,966 in 2019/2020 by 67.92%</b>			
Increase in staff salaries due to increase in number of hours worked (full time Clerk and an Assistant Clerk), new pay scales and incremental pay rise	27,267.21	46,892.59	19,625.38
Increase in Training costs - 1st attendance at an SLCC Conference	405.00	0.00	-405.00
Increase in Travel costs, mainly from attending an SLCC Conference	135.99	0.00	-135.99
Councillor's Claim for Expenses - non received in 2017/18	117.97	0.00	-117.97
	<u>27,926.17</u>	<u>46,892.59</u>	<u>18,966.42</u>
<b>Box 6 All other payments - decrease of £17,600 in 2019/2020 by 16.90%</b>			
<b>General Admin</b>			
Decrease in General Administration	899.90	443.04	-456.86
Increase in insurance premium following an evaluation of the insurance needs	1,259.18	1,470.52	211.34
Decrease advertising in local paper Groundsman Contract and Clerk Vacancy	510.70	0.00	-510.70
Printing of Public Meeting Banners, business cards and litter picking posters	230.00	526.80	296.80
Decrease in meeting room hire costs due to holding an additional public meeting Jan 2019	248.00	220.00	-28.00
Purchase of a new office cupboard and other office furniture costs	373.99	0.00	-373.99
Decrease in postage, printing and stationery costs	1,327.73	896.43	-431.30
Computer and software maintenance charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Increase in subscription costs	900.00	1,144.46	244.46
Increase in telephone and broadband charges	925.72	1,273.91	348.19
Increase in audit costs	445.00	660.00	215.00
Increase in Website and Facebook Charges	2,184.00	2,900.40	716.40
Councillor and Staff Training	0.00	115.00	115.00
Office Rent and cleaning	0.00	1,050.00	1,050.00
Equipment repairs and renewal	0.00	800.57	800.57
<b>Open Space - General Repairs and Maintenance</b>			
Decrease in materials required and work carried out by the handyman	4,705.64	3,934.53	-771.11
Decrease in Grounds Maintenance contract	26,971.13	23,566.49	-3,404.64
Play Area - Worthigton Road	0.00	6,240.81	6,240.81
Play Area - Streethay	0.00	5,352.10	5,352.10
Skate Park	0.00	7,745.59	7,745.59
Increase in costs in connection with the Best Kept Village competition	147.89	352.77	204.88
Repair Replace dog and litter bins	505.78	708.00	202.22
Tree work removal and planting	0.00	324.00	324.00
Street furniture	0.00	478.00	478.00
Misc. Expenditure/Maintenance (kiosk panels, weed control, road cone etc)	2,497.65	2,501.99	4.34
<b>Grants and Projects</b>			

Grants and projects 2018/2019 - none in 2019/2020	34,032.09	0.00	-34,032.09
Decrease in monies paid for Grant applications Section 137	2,220.00	1,445.36	-774.64
Increase using S106 funding Various - Intruder Alarm, CCTV & Cladding at the Youth & Community Centre, CCTV Fradley Village Hall, Parish Council office	8,956.00	22,381.16	13,425.16
<b>Miscellaneous Expenditure</b>	<u>14,791.60</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>-14,791.60</u>
	<u>104,132.00</u>	<u>86,531.93</u>	<u>-17,600.07</u>

**Total fixed assets increased by £508,651.00 - This was due to an Asset Review and adding items that were not originally included or accounted for. The Council were also under insured for example, they own a building that was not on the asset register. This has now been rectified and the proper insurance cover is now in place for all assets held by the Council.**

Box 9

Play Equipment - Play Park Worthington Road, Play Park Barlow Drive, Play Park Streethay, MUGA and Skate Park - there was a lot of equipment that was missing from the original Asset Register, these have now been added.	42,848.10	173,122.10	130,274.00
Office Furniture and equipment - there was no office furniture or equipment listed on the original Asset Register, these have now been added	239.00	2,422.54	2,183.54
Regalia - this was on the asset register but has been re-evaluated by a jeweller	1,000.00	2,102.20	1,102.20
Handyman Equipment only the hedge cutter/grass trimmer was on the original Asset Register other equipment has now been added for example hand tools, pot riveter etc	208.33	932.69	724.36
Fradley Youth and Community Centre Building (Building owned by the Parish Council), this was not on the original asset register but has now been added	0.00	300,000.00	300,000.00
CCTV at Fradley Youth and Community Centre Building again this was not on the original Asset Register but has now been added	0.00	7,515.35	7,515.35
Street furniture including benches and bins a lot of street furniture, notice boards benches and bins were missing from the original asset register, these have now been added	4,672.50	51,523.75	46,851.25
War Memorial and Flag Pole this was not on the original Asset Register but has now been added	0.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Christmas Tree Decorations and lighting	517.70	517.97	0.27
	<u>49,485.63</u>	<u>558,136.60</u>	<u>508,650.97</u>

**Explanation for 'high' reserves**

(Please complete the highlighted boxes.)

Box 7 is more than Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:

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**Earmarked reserves:**

Watersmeet Maintenance - money from the developer for the upkeep after tfr of land	22,951.00
Fradley South Public Open Space Maintenance - money from the developer for the upkeep after tfr of land	12,587.32
Fradley Public Open Space re Trees - money from the developer after tfr of open space	9,958.75
Streethay Public Open Space Maintenance - money from developer for the tfr of land	707.00
Councillor Election reserve	5,776.88
Build and furnish Parish Council Office/HUB - PC Contribution	30,000.00
Play Areas Play equipment replacement	12,000.00
Donation Defib Burton Old Road Streethay	1,276.18
CIL money Streethay 18/00304/FUL - to be spent on specific items	223.94
CIL money Brookfield Hay End Lane 18/00351/FUL - to be spent on specific items	421.33
	95,902.40

**General reserve**

16,887.60

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**Total reserves (must agree to Box 7)**

112,790.00