

Cookley and Walpole Parish Council 2019-2020:

Explanation of Variances +/- 10% for Boxes 2-6 and Boxes 9-10 (where applicable) between the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Financial Year Accounts:

Box 2:

The Councillors decided to add a £1000 to the precept as the Parish Council had a balance of £4305 at the end of 2018-2019 and believed that this was too low as a reserve.

Box 3:

The main reason is that a grant for £5000 was received from Suffolk County Council on behalf of a local trust so that they could build accessible parking spaces at their Pavilion in Walpole in 2018-2019. Without this grant, other income would have been £1032-58 which is less than the income in 2019-2020. Whilst there was a VAT Repayment in 2018-2019 of £273-64, there was a VAT Repayment in 2019-2020 of £742-40 which was an increase. Income from the Cemetery also increased from £435 in 2018-2019 to £1120 in 2019-2020.

Box 6:

A main reason for 2018-2019 seeing high expenditure was that a grant for £5000 from Suffolk County Council was transferred to a local trust so that they could build accessible parking spaces at their Pavilion in Walpole.

The following were also bought during the year – a defibrillator (£1675 plus £162 for Year 1 Support Cover), speeding equipment (£3690), electricity supply was restored to the telephone box (£565-20), a first aid course was held costing £568 but only had an income of £197-50 and a tree services contractor cost £1050. These payments explain much of the spending in 2018-2019.

In contrast in 2019-2020, only £396 was spent connecting the restored electricity to the telephone box, £1000 for putting up an 80m hedge on the Village Green and £162 for defibrillator support for year 2 which in addition to the usual costs left expenditure at £5592.