

Financial Report

Annual Parish Meeting 7 April 2009.

- Following the suggestion made at the Annual Parish Meeting a year ago the analysis of the payments and receipts is presented in simplified form. For example the Grants are listed as a total under both headings without the detail of individual amounts received and given.
- In this report I will clarify and acknowledge items regarded as relevant.
- The Precept was increased to £7500 and this figure will be held through to 2010.
- The grants receive included one of £1053 from DAPTC as a contribution to the cost of two notice boards to be placed in Eype and Symondsbury. The balance of funding was provided in Eype by the Historical Society and in Symondsbury by the Customers of the Ilchester Arms and the Symondsbury Estate.
- The Parish Council thanks these organisations and individuals for their generosity and support.
- Allotment rents were increased last year and we shall again be raising the price for 2009/10 by £2.50 pa. This is still a very low price for the sizeable plots that we rent out. There is the need to do fence work on the site and we shall endeavour to bring this about in the coming year.
- Costs of administration increased in the year reflecting the first full year of the clerks salary increase in 2007. Expenses also increased with the introduction of new computer and printing equipment. Increasingly it is being found that less documentation is coming to us by post and increasing volumes of electronic mail and downloads are being received.
- Purchases were up significantly due to the notice boards already mentioned and the purchase of grit bins located at points in the parish.
- Whilst there were increases in things like subscriptions and fees these were countered by the reductions in rents and printing.
- Perhaps most significant is the fact that the difference between receipts and payments for the two years shown only varies by £9.