

BARNINGHAM PARISH MEETING

VARIANCE STATEMENT 2021/22

1. PRECEPT

The precept was increased by 11% by decision of the November finance meeting in order to increase the grant to the Village Hall.

2. LCTSS GRANT

This increased by 12%. Its level is determined by DCC.

3. BANK CREDIT

A credit of £22 from "BG Services" in February 2021 probably relates to British Gas refunding a Direct Debit they took in error several years ago. The bank refunded the DD at the time. As this amount has remained in our account for a full year, I have included it as income.

4. GRASS CUTTING

The grass-cutting cost increased by 20% on the previous year, but by only 12.5% on the year ended 310320 which had the same number of cuts as this year. The increase of 12.5% over two years reflects the contractor's increased costs.

5. VILLAGE HALL

Rent paid to the Village Hall was up by 10% compared with two years before, there having been only virtual meetings last year due to Covid 19 regulations.

6. DEFIBRILLATOR PARTS

These parts, including a new carry case to replace one damaged by solar heating, were necessary to keep the equipment in good working order. The Village Hall Committee have already re-sited the machine on a north-facing wall. The last bill for parts was three years earlier.

7. AFFILIATION

Affiliation to CDALC rose by 81p, a 4% increase.

8. INSURANCE Insurance cost were unchanged.

9. WEBSITE These costs fell by 19% to £39.60 from £48.60.

10. The Grant to the Village Hall was increased from £2,500 to £3,000, 20%, by the decision of the Parish Meeting in November 2020.

Phil Hunt, Parish Treasurer. April 1st, 2022