

NORTH STAINLEY WITH SLENINGFORD PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS 2014/15

EXPLANATION OF VARIANCES

	2013/14 £	2014/15 £	Variance (+/-) £	Variance (+/-) %	Detailed Explanation of Variance (with amounts £)
Box 4 Staff Costs	2471	2216	-255	-10.32	<p>Whilst the figures in these boxes do not meet the 15% requirement for explaining the variance it may be useful to note that, following advice received from the 2013/14 Internal Auditor, the 2014/15 figure does not include expenses incurred by staff (e.g. mileage, stationery). These have been included as administration expenses in the general payment section at box 6 (£628.73).</p> <p>The Clerk has worked an increased number of hours for the Council during the past year. This increased workload was caused by major development proposals being put forward for North Stainley. The effect of this is mitigated by taking out the administration expenses though.</p>
Box 6 All Other Payments	5806	7310	-1504	+25.9	<p>Expenditure in 2014/15 not incurred in 2013/14.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following advice received from the 2013/14 Internal Auditor the figure provided for 2014/15 includes administration expenses of £628.73. This includes items such as mileage and stationery which were previously included in the staff costs figure as they are reimbursed to the Clerk. • The Council purchased a memorial bench which is located in the children's playground. This cost £1030.39 (including VAT and installation). The cost was reimbursed by the family of the deceased. • The Council took over the ownership of areas of communal land in the parish. This included two ponds and so two safety buoys were purchased at a cost of £468.37. • The Tour de France Grand Depart passed through the parish in July 2014. The Council provided 4 skips for rubbish at a cost of £432. <p>Expenditure in 2013/14 not incurred in 2014/15.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council makes an annual donation of £110 to the local Citizen's Advice Bureau. Due to the timing of the donation being made there was no payment recorded in 2014/15. • The Council outsourced its payroll to a local accountant at a cost of £108. This is now done in house by the Clerk. • A councillor undertook a training course at a cost of £23. • A councillor incurred expenses of £7 having ID validated for Parish Council purposes. This was reimbursed by the Council. • The Council purchased a banner for the local Community First Responders team at a cost of £31.20. • The Council paid for the local oil buying co-operative to conduct a mailshot at a cost of £20.75. <p>Variances in expenditure incurred in both years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost of the Council's insurance policy fell by £40.98 to £492.33 in 2014/15.

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost of membership of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations rose by £8 to £261 in 2014/15. • Due to its income exceeding £10,000 in 2013/14 the Council's audit costs rose from £76 in 2013/14 to £170 in 2014/15. • The Council spent £52.20 on hall hire in 2013/14 and £88.20 in 2014/15. The increase was partly due to the timing of invoices being received and due an increase in the number of meetings because of development proposals. • The Council spent £780.32 maintaining its play area in 2013/14. These costs were higher in 2014/15 (£929.29), but vary due to items being identified in the annual inspections. • The Council operates a parish caretaker scheme whereby it contracts a firm to carry out maintenance works in the parish. In 2013/14 £1912.30 was spent on this scheme. It reduced to £1139.40 in 2014/15 as the caretaker resigned half way through the financial year and an appointment was not made for some time. • The cost of the Council's grasscutting contract fell from £1898.40 in 2013/14 to £1670.40 in 2014/15 due to the number of cuts which were carried out.
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