

## Shrewton Parish Council Chair's report for the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting.

This has been another busy year for Shrewton Parish Council. I would like to thank everybody for the work they have put in and for the support that has been given to me.

One of the purposes of the Chair's report is to provide a report on the state of the Parish Council's finances. At the start of the year the bank balance was £46,285.00. Income from the precept was £30,780 (unchanged from last year) and expenditure was £17,990.00 so we spent less than our precept. Our end of year balance was £61,206, some of this has been ring-fenced for projects such as traffic calming measures; Wiltshire Council has implemented visual traffic calming measures on the A360 and has agreed to implement a visual scheme on the London Road (which is not the physical measures we require but will hopefully encourage drivers to behave responsibly - another attempt will be made later this year to obtain physical traffic calming measures in the London Road) and £15,000 is held as a reserve fund. In view of the large 'end of year' balance held in the bank the precept for 2019 – 2020 has been reduced to £20,000. This means for the year 2019 – 2020 a band 'D' property will pay £25.98 to Shrewton Parish Council's precept.

The Parish Council distributed £3,563 in grants; examples of these are £1000.00 to Maddington Church Rooms for replacement windows, £900.00 to the Youth Club for rental of the village hall and £250.00 to the WI for the flower tubs.

Of course, there are day to day expenses that are incurred such as the Clerk's salary, hire of the hall for Council meetings, insurance of Council assets and public liability insurance. We have had a small increase in the cost of village maintenance and some more litter bins have been provided; in addition to the cost of the bin we also have to pay for them to be emptied. If anybody would like a detailed breakdown of expenditure this is available from the Parish Clerk.

Outside of Parish Council meetings Council members have attended meetings of bodies such as the Community Area Transport Group, Southern Area planning meetings, Community Area Boards, Flood Warden meetings and the Neighbourhood Tasking Group. All Councillors are volunteers and I would like to thank Councillors for the time and dedication they have shown in their various roles.

Richard Harris,

Chair, Shrewton Parish Council.