

## **Kewstoke Parish Council**

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### **Clerks report to the Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> April 2015**

As per legal requirement the last audited accounts are presented representing 2013-1014  
See Appendix A

The year basically balanced out as per budgets however there were underlying expenses that will be in the following years. This applies particularly to projects which are on going  
Once again there is nothing that can be done about these accounts as they have been audited.

Looking at the present year about to go to Audit which finished on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 the figures perhaps showing an increase surplus could be misleading.

#### **On Income**

The reality is that out of the increase in surplus there are figures some substantial that will not occur again

Some examples of this are £1,953.64 for the fete we ran as a one off.

£4,419.55 is a parish rate relief figure of which could eventually be absorbed by NSDC

£3,600 was for new memorial benches that are not paid for by the Parish.

#### **On Expenditure**

Most of the budgets have come in around the figures set however there are some discrepancies that need to be actioned

#### **Environment**

£3,600 needs to be extracted from the budget as that is payment for three seats which are funded by memorial payments. That brings the budget back on line

#### **Admin/Newsletter/Website**

Our decision to buy a new printer and do our own printing will result in our printer being paid for in two years and then onwards we will be saving approximately £2,000.00 per year.

#### **Toilets**

These need to be viewed by taking into consideration Capital of £4,000.00 and the contingency of £2,000.00 as well as the £2,000.00 budget itself.

The spend of £8,253.59 then does not appear so bad however the concern within these costs are the legal ones. There is a real problem for Parishes when it comes to seeking legal advice and getting legal work done for them. The legal costs for the toilet work has been way outside of the remit we envisaged and it would have been far worse but for the help of a local living retired solicitor who helped out in the end.

The worry for other projects is if NSDC continue to drop out of service or if Parish want to take over projects or services

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