

**Stratton Audley Parish Council**  
**Year End March 2015**

**Significant Year on Year Variances**

**Total other receipts**

This was greater than last year primarily because of the receipt of a grant from the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council of £1,000 for the purchase of a marquee for the use of the village and support of the CLP Group. The New Homes Bonus of £2,874 awarded by Cherwell District Council was £364 more and the Community Led Plan group generated fundraising of £209.79. The VAT refund was less by £482.60 this year than last.

**Other Costs**

**Training**

More training courses were attended than last year. Previous year spent £162, this year was £212.

**Grass Cutting** is less than last year following a review of the grass cutting and the engagement of a new contractor. The reduction in costs amounted to £207.50.

**Dog bin emptying** is less than last year, by £87, because the Spring 15 Bill was sent in April 15 not March so only one payment (of £174.34) was made.

**Bulbs.** No expenditure was made this year, but the previous year, £40 had been spent.

**Highways General Works** expenditure was reduced by £150 because the work budgeted for was not completed in the financial year.

**Noticeboard** The previous year £180 was spent in the noticeboard budget, but nothing was spent this year.

**Dog Bin** A new dog bin was purchased for £149 the previous year, but nothing was spent this year.

**Audit** increased by £50 following an increase in charges for the internal audit.

**Subscriptions** were a great deal less than last year because the only subscription paid in the financial year was the Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association subscription of £40 (an additional subscription) all the rest of the subscriptions have had to be carried over to 2015/16. The previous year's subscriptions totalled £233.

**Community Led Plan** Following the creation of the Community Led Plan group and the receipt of the grant from ORCC (see receipts), the Parish Council agreed to spend £1,021, including VAT, on a Marquee. The additional expenses were for the running of the group and the production of a questionnaire. The total expenditure (including the Marquee) was £2,060; the previous year £207 had been spent.

**Christmas Tree** cost less this year as the Parish Council agreed to purchase just one set of lights at £50. This was a reduction of £25.

**Election Expenses.** The Parish had an uncontested election during the year which cost £39.

**Meeting Room Hire.** The Parish Council was unable to meet in its usual room for a large proportion of the year and the cost of the room hire increased from £30 to £240.

#### **Fixed Assets**

The Marquee (£1,021) and the additional Christmas Lights (£50) were added to the Register and two old items which were no longer used were removed. The Fixed Assets now amount to £39,717.

#### **Parish Reserves**

Following the renewal of a Parish Reserves policy in March 2015, the Parish reserved funds for specific purposes stand at:

3 months' running costs (Precept /12 *3 approx)	£1,500.00
Election expenses	£1,560.00
General reserve	£500.00
Playground Refurbishment Project	£7,957.00
Playground Equipment	£400.00
Noticeboard	£100.00
Bus Shelter	£250.00
100 Club	£893.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,160.36</b>

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