

Sibford Gower Parish Council
Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2013

Bank Reconciliation

Bank of Ireland, London Region,
PO Box 1755, Croydon CR9 2SB

Balance @ 31st March 2013 £7,324.39
No unrepresented cheques or uncleared payments

Explanations of Variances

Note re Box 2 in Section 1

Precept	£9,000	£6,250
The figure of £9,000 for 2012 includes £1,000 towards anticipated expenditure re Community Plan (not yet utilised), £2,000 towards maintenance of the Churchyard and £500 towards maintenance of Parish Council Burial Ground		

Note re Box 4 in Section 1

The higher figure for 2012 was caused by the payment of the Clerk's salary being altered to being paid quarterly instead of half yearly following transfer to payroll operation by an agency. Up until the year ended 31.03.11 the Clerk had always been paid in arrears but now salary payments are up to date. Salary remains unchanged at £1,800pa.	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
	£2,550	1,865

Note re Box 7 in Section 1.

Contained within the bank balance of £7,325 is a ring fenced amount of £3,203 which relates to the residue of a bequest to the Parish Council from a late resident (Miriam Tebbs) to be used for the benefit of Parish residents and the maintenance of a plot of land bequeathed by her to the Parish Council in respect of which a nil valuation has been placed. Value stated as at 10th September 2002 as £2,000 in the Land Registry Proprietorship Register.

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With regard to this plot of land, reference was made to the Soc. Of Local Council Clerks when completing the Annual Financial Return for the y/e 31.3.03 and after having spoken with the External Auditors, it was agreed that, because of the awkward situation of the land and its doubtful value, reference to it should be omitted from the annual return but reference should be made in the explanatory notes that accompany future financial returns. Details of the land are entered in the Parish Council's Asset Register.
(Letter to External Auditors dated 19th August 2003 refers)

On 29th March 2007, I spoke with Mrs Emma Prince of the External Auditors (BDO Stoy Hayward LLP) to seek confirmation that the above still applies and she said that it did.

With regard to Box 9, the figure of £829 relates to the value of the undermentioned:-

BURIAL GROUND

Freehold Land adjoining Holy Trinity Church, Sibford Gower

Land Registry Title No. ON266463

Title Absolute - 16.11.06

Consideration £829.00

On 29th March 2007, I spoke with Mrs Emma Prince of the External Auditors (BDO Stoy Hayward LLP) to seek advice as to the value to be included in Section 9 of Annual Financial Returns. She said that the consideration (£829) referred to above should be the figure used.

P B Hardman
Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer