

**Sibford Gower Parish Council**  
**Annual Return for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016**

**Bank Reconciliation**

Bank of Ireland,  
PO Box 2124, Belfast BT1 9RS

Balance @ 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2015	<b>£12,332.40</b>
Less outstanding cheques:-	<u>£ 794.40</u>
	<b>£11,538.00</b>

**Explanations of Variances**

**Note re Box 3 in Section 2**

Total other receipts	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
	£1,957	£3,444

The increase was caused by the receipt of £1,500 which was a grant by an outside body to Sibford Village Hall for stage lighting and which had to be channelled through a Parish Council account. You will read that this is referred to below.

**Note re Box 6 in Section 2**

All other payments	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
	£5,072	7,550

The reasons for the higher figure are the increased cost of maintenance of the Churchyard and the Parish Council Burial Ground and the payment of £1,500 towards the purchase of stage lighting etc for Sibford Village Hall. This sum was obtained by the Village Hall Committee but had to be channelled through a Parish Council.

**Note re Box 7 in Section 2.**

Contained within the bank balance of £11,538 is a ring fenced amount of £2,122 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 10<sup>th</sup> September 2002 as £2,000 in the Land Registry Proprietorship Register.

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 19<sup>th</sup> August 2003 refers)

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On 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

Contained also is £1,000 by way of a donation towards the purchase of a defilillator which is still to be bought.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> 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