RUSHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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ACCOUNTING STATEMENT - EXPLANATION OF DIFFERENCES

Box 2

The precept was increased to take into account the increase in hours on which the Clerk's salary is based, (£1000), and website design and fees, (£500)

Box 3

In 2015/16 the Parish Council received a grant for the construction of a footpath to the recreation ground, (£5656), a contribution from the County Council for signs, (£150), allotment rental was £60 and private hire fees for the minibus were £1537. In 2016/17, allotment rental was £50, there was a VAT refund of £1837, £5000 was received from the wind farm community benefit fund for private road repairs, there were contributions towards a defibrillator, £100 and benches, £400. Private hire fees were down at £1033.

Box 6

Payments made in 2015/16 included mole treatment in the recreation ground, £215, Contributing Third Party Payment for grant £644, footpath works £6787, repairs to play equipment £234, minibus maintenance £218 and minibus fuel £532. Those for 2016/17 included signs, £460, website design and fees £467, removal of fallen tree £900, fence repairs £708, training £39, mole treatment £70, minibus maintenance £568 and fuel £471. Other differences are due to annual variances.

Note: The high balance carried by the Parish Council is largely for the Community Minibus, (£31.469.05), which as well as covering operating costs, is ring fenced for the planned replacement of the vehicle in 2/3 years' time at an estimated cost of £25,000-30,000 when it will be ten years old.

Richard Reed Clerk to the Council.