

# BRAYBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL

1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Notes to the Accounts

Explanation of significant variances:

## **Box 2: Precept increased by £500**

The increase in precept last year (2015-2016) from £3,000 to £4,000 was deemed the minimum interim measure necessary towards redressing the fact that the Parish Council had not increased its precept application for a number of years resulting in a perceived inadequacy of reserve levels being held in the bank account. Prudence and strict adherence to government policy in the public sector during the austerity years between 2006 and 2014 had resulted in an insufficiency in the balances held in reserve to enable the council to operate with the flexibility required in this day and age. They were at a level below that which is considered reasonable and indeed obligatory for a parish council to hold in case of unexpected contingencies and increasing demands. Hence the further second stage increase of £500 to complete the funding.

## **Box 3: Total other Receipts down by £235**

As reported last year, £260 was received from the County Council by way of grant from its empowerment fund to cover the cost of a licence for a VAS speed camera. The sum was held in reserve to be spent in 2016/2017 and this exact sum was duly spent in September 2016.

## **Box 6: All other payments up by £182**

This increase is principally the licence for the VAS ( vehicle activated sign) licence referred to above

## **Section 137 payments**

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish Councils to make discretionary payments up to the product of £7.42 (for the current year) per head of electorate for the benefit of people in the area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers. With an electorate of 334 the ceiling cap equates to £2478.28. No payments were made within the S137 category during the year.

Signed: .....  
Chairman

Signed:.....  
Clerk

Date:.....