

District Councillor Henry Sawrey-Cookson attended a number of Parish Council meetings, including the AGM, to keep us informed on local issue at District and County level.

### **Financial Officer's Report**

Income for the year was consistent with the budget. Expenditure was considerably lower than budget as the parish council election was uncontested. A positive cash flow was maintained and the year-end balance decreased from £1336 to £1294.

A budget of £535 was set for 2016 – 2017. This includes the cost of developing and running a parish council website and an application for a government grant to fund it has been submitted. The resulting precept of £240 was a reduction for the fourth consecutive year and remains one of the lowest in the district. There was no requirement for a Special Expenses budget.

The 2014 - 2015 Audit was approved without qualification. The 2015 - 2016 Audit has passed internal audit and has been submitted to BDO.

The annual reviews of the Financial Regulations, Risk Analysis and the Insurance Risk were conducted. Changes which allow payment by BACS and Internet Banking as well as cheques were incorporated last year. No changes were considered necessary this year.