

# THRANDESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## EXPLANATION OF SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES Year Ending 31 March 2016

	Year ending 31.03.15 (£)	Year ending 31.03.16(£)	Difference (£)	Difference (%)	Explanation
Precept	2,250	2,400	150	6.6	The Precept was increased to meet the increased statutory running costs
Total Receipts	12,468	3,367	-9101	-73	No Income was received in relation to the joint working of the Parish Councils. Please refer to text in italic as detailed on last year's variances. The remainder of the variance (£671) can be explained as no VAT being reclaimed in 15/16 and a reduction in Local Tax Relief Grant. <i>Using powers under Section 101(1) and 101(5) of the Local Government Act of 1972, the Parish Council worked with other local Parish Councils to make representation to the Planning Inspectorate on a proposed gas power station. Each Parish Council paid into a fund to employ the services of a Landscape Architect and Barrister. Individuals also paid money to the fund for this work. The fund totalled £8430. Thrandeston Parish Council took on the role of 'banker' for this exercise and hence the increase in receipt.</i>
Staff costs	2,671	1,817	-854	-31.97	Additional hours were paid in 14/15 when a new Clerk was employed and several additional hours were needed to bring the Council up to date. Also, the 14/15 figure is higher as some of the salary which should have been paid in 13/14 was not paid until the 14/15 financial year. The figure declared for 15/16 should, apart from NJC pay awards, remain consistent going forward.
Total other payments	9,981	6,524	-3457	-34.6	Please refer to receipts above. In 15/16 £2287 was returned to the Parish Councils Working Group. In 14/15 £1328 was paid in VAT compared to £145 in 15/16. £260 was spent in 15/16 on a contested election.
Total fixed assets and long term assets	3,170	3170	n/a	n/a	
Total borrowings	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

