

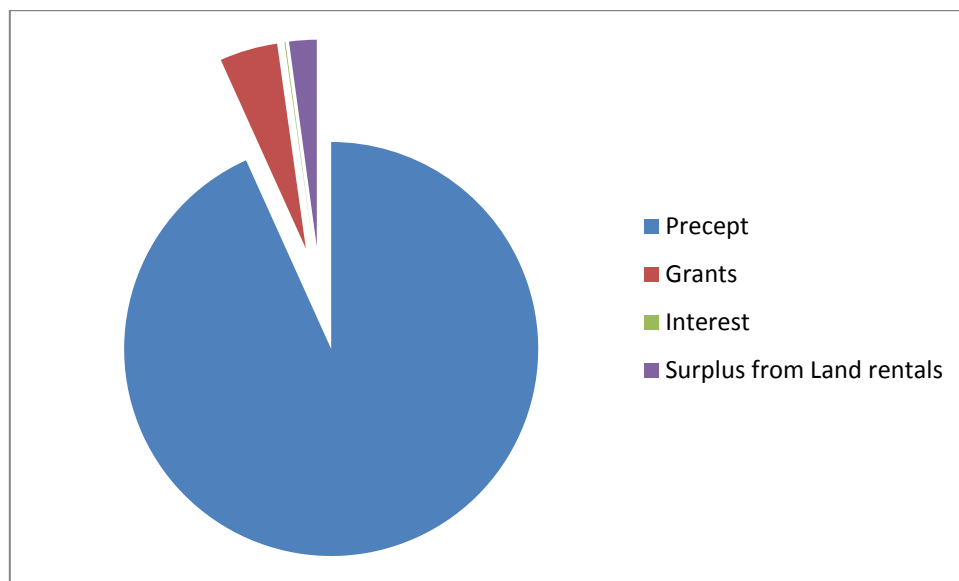
St Dominic Parish Council

Where does the money go?

Year ended 31 March 2017

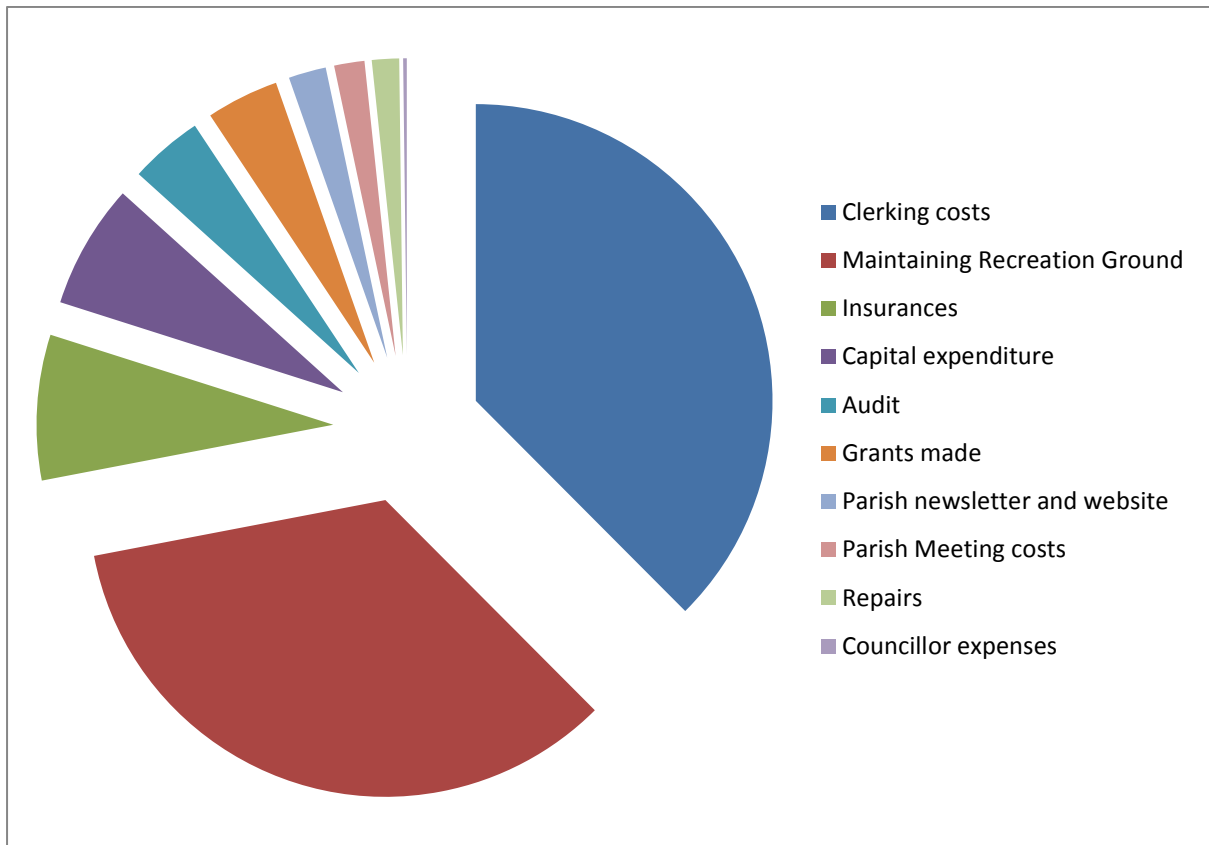
The Parish Council have this year decided that it might be helpful for Parishioners to have a feel for both the source and application of the funds that they administer on their behalf.

Starting with the Income side, the total income available for routine matters was £11,702. The vast majority of this is from the Parish's portion of your Council Tax (known as the Precept). Smaller amounts are also available from additional grants from Cornwall Council and also from renting out land close to Fursdon Farm. The income is depicted graphically below:



So how is your money spent? Legislation requires the Parish Council to have Parish Clerk. The Clerk has to be appropriately qualified and be knowledgeable about the workings of Local Government so that the Parish Councillors are fully aware of what they can and cannot do under the banner of the Parish Council. The Clerk has responsibility for ensuring that accurate minutes of Council proceedings are kept, maintaining the Parish Council website, dealing with enquiries from Parishioners, liaising with Cornwall Council on Planning matters and a whole plethora of other matters behind the scenes. The Clerk's salary and reimbursed expenditure for stationery, postage, phone calls, mileage covered on Council business etc are our largest cost. Your Council are also responsible for the rental and maintenance of Lovells Playing Fields and the play equipment (although the Football Club are responsible for the maintenance of the football pitch). This is our second largest category of spend. Your Council also have responsibility for the maintenance of the Bus Shelter, although this rarely needs money spend on it. We do make some small grants to Parish institutions – in the past year, these included the Parish Church of St Dominica, both towards maintenance of the fabric of the Church and also the Graveyard. We are ultimately responsible as Trustees for the Parish Hall, although its operation and finances are controlled by a separate Management Committee and do not form part of the Parish Council accounts. We also finance the printing of the Parish News.

A graphical representation of the spend, which totalled £10,129 is included below:



All of the above details are subject to our annual audit which will be undertaken shortly and exclude VAT, which the Parish Council is able to recover. The surplus of £1,573 will be added to the Council's reserves.

The above income and expenditure figures exclude special projects which your Council undertakes from time to time on your behalf. In the past year, we undertook the St Dominica Heritage Trail Project. Whilst this project was not quite complete by the end of the Financial Year, we can confirm that the final result was income of £7,500 was received from Tesco in the year with a further £2,500 to come in shortly. The £10,000 was spent pretty much exactly after allowing for the VAT which will be recovered. Within this spend, the main costs were the three display boards which include a separate notice board for news on the paths, the oak marker posts and arrows, new outdoor seats (one at the Parish Church and one at the Methodist Church), a new handrail over the lower footbridge in the woods below Radland Mill, several new gates to improve access, birdboxes, walk leaflets, website page and video.

Your Councillors would be pleased to hear suggestions for other projects that might benefit the Parish – please let us know what projects you would like to see happen in the future.