

## **Leighton & Eaton Constantine Parish Council**

### **Financial Report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019**

The Council received £5,282.00 from Shropshire Council in Precept monies to enable the Parish Council to carry out its statutory functions during the year.

The Parish Council also received a grant from Shropshire Council of £ 335.00. This is the Environmental Maintenance Grant which the Parish Council uses to maintain the grass cutting through the Parish. This year the grant was much reduced and the Parish Council have had to match fund that grant so this will have an effect on the precept in future years as the parish Council will continue to have meet more and more of this cost for the maintenance of the Parish

The Council has spent £4986.61p which is broken down in the end of year accounts.

With the Transparency Code to be complied with there has been an increase in the workload of the clerk to maintain the website regularly.

The Council appointed a data Protection Officer and this has also come with a cost. However given the importance of complying with all the rules and regulations the members felt that it was beneficial to appoint someone with the specialised knowledge required to keep the parish Council fully compliant.

The Council has reviewed and where deemed necessary updated their risk assessment documents along with their Financial Risk Assessment documents

Last year the External Auditors were changed for Parishes in Shropshire and as a result of a change in some of the regulations the Parish Council was able to declare themselves exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015. This simply means that the Receipts and payment for the financial year were under £25,000.

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*Dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019*