

## Financial Report 2018-2019

*Clerk - Susan Saunders*

This year the council applied for and received a grant through the S106 fund. This enabled them to purchase new equipment for the play area. The Council have also organised quarterly inspections with a RoSPA qualified inspector who works for The Cemetery of which Thirlwall is a member of the committee. The weekly inspection continues by Sue Maughan, for which the council are very grateful. The Cemetery staff undertook cleaning, refurbishment and safety improvements paid for by the Council.

S137 Donations totalled £1770 with the limit for 2018 at £2837.46. There was a large donation of £1100 agreed for the Nursery this year. The limit for 2019-2020 is £2931.32.

The amount for salary was over budget due to extra work incurred by the clerk due to new audit rules and the Data Protection regulations.

There was a large cost for The Pump House of £2540.86 which took the maintenance cost over budget.

A website has been set up with an initial cost of £500 and an annual fee of £200 moving forward. The Council agreed to pay £300 pa to Nigel Jarvis for looking after the non-council side of the website.

IT equipment was purchased early in the year and a grant was awarded from the Transparency fund allocated for small councils.

It was agreed to close the Play account and just show any expenses separately.

A VAT claim was made and received to the value of £2111.17.

The balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 is £3507.19 and the council kept the precept value the same as the previous year at £6000.