**RFO Update, 5th May 2021**

**Budget vs. Actual spend for financial year 2020/21**

See the summary on ‘Actual Spend vs. Budget’ in the Statement of Account spreadsheet. Total underspend vs. budget for the year was £629.85. Main contributors: low clerk expenses, unused training budget, lower village hall hire costs. A complete RFO annual report will be presented following the completion of the Internal Audit.

**Precept**

The first instalment of the precept has been received: £1,750. An additional MSDC grant of £107 has also been received.

**Broadband costs**

The broadband costs for the village hall have increased from £34.20 to £52.20. This is because the council reached the end of its contract, and is now on standard rate. Plusnet have quoted: £23/month plus VAT for a 2 year contract, or £28/month plus VAT for a 1 year contract.

**Zoom Pro**

As agreed, I have upgraded to Zoom Pro at a cost of £11.99 per month plus VAT, but for a period of one month only, in order to host the May meetings.

**Previous years VAT reclaim and VAT training**

I have booked in some training for me on VAT, to be held in June.

**Internal Audit**

See separate guide document.

**Invoices for approval**

* SALC subscription: £190.55
* Website hosting (Suffolk Cloud): £100
* Zoom: £14.39