GREAT BRADLEY PARISH COUNCIL 5th May 2017

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT VARIANCES BETWEEN 2015/16 and 2016/17 ANNUAL RETURNS**

The explanation for the significant variances in accounts year on year is as follows:

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| **Ref No.** | **Item** | **2015/16****£** | **2016/17****£** | **Difference****£** | **Explanation of differences** |
| **2** | **Annual Precept** | 8471 | 10148 | +1677 (+20%) | St Edmundsbury Borough Council reduced their Parish support grants by £677 (Parish Revenue Support Grant by £584 and Local Council Tax Support Grant by £93) from 2015/16 to 2016/17. As a consequence, and in addition, the Parish Council was forced to increase its Precept by £1000.  |
| **3** | **Total other receipts** | 10095 | 5292 | -4803 (-47%) | The following grants were obtained in 2015/16 but not in 2016/17:1. £958 Transparency Grant
2. £1,000 Havebury for allotment shed
3. £500 West Suffolk Council for repair to Village Hall Bell Housing
4. £1,600 West Suffolk Council for basket swing on Recreation Area
5. £151 Community Speedwatch South for new speedgun and signs

+ £643 more VAT was reclaimed in 2015/16 than in 2016/17 due to the higher expenditure on play equipmentTotal £4,852 |
| **4** | **Staff costs** | 3150  | 3250 | +100 (+3.2%) | The Clerk's salary was increased by £100 |
| **6** | **All other payments** | 14968 | 11645 | -3323 (-22%) | The following item was purchased in 2015/16 but not in 2016/17:1. £3,386 New basket swing on the Recreation Area
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| **9** | **Total fixed assets** | 32847 | 33601 | +754 (+2.3%) | The following items were purchased in 2016/17 but not in 2015/16:1. £144 Dog bag dispenser bin
2. £ 427 Parish Council laptop
3. £ 90 Community Speedwatch radar 'gun'
4. £93 Archiving picture binders
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Signed: Clerk/RFO date: