

LEEBOTWOOD & LONGNOR PARISH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/3/2011

	£	£	<i>Previous Year</i>	
			£	£
Opening Bank Balance:		7,735		3,074
Receipts:				
Precept	10,000		10,000	
Dividend Interest	0		1	
VAT	87		26	
SCC Grant Bus Shelter Repairs	400		0.00	
SCC Grant - Small Maintenance Grant	500		0.00	
Total Receipts:		<u>10,987</u>		<u>10,027</u>
		<u>18,722</u>		<u>13,101</u>
Payments:				
Staff Costs	5,023		3,599	
Leebotwood VH Grant	3,000		0	
Longnor VH Grant	3,000		0	
Notice Board/ Bus shelter repairs	1,093		556	
Administration	692		725	
Training/Quality Council	206		90	
Insurance	203		194	
Audit	195		50	
Fees & Subscriptions	167		64	
VAT	34		53	
S137	25		25	
Village Maintenance	20		0	
Chair's Expenses - Award for Competition			<u>10</u>	
Total Payments:		<u>13,659</u>		<u>5,366</u>
Closing Bank Balance:		<u>5,063</u>		<u>7,735</u>
		<u>18,722</u>		<u>13,101</u>

Financial report by the Clerk:

As a result of delays in forming the council in the previous year a year on year comparison is not appropriate. The Staff costs although comparatively high compared with the previous year are less than those expected for the year i.e. Budgeted. The increase in costs also reflects the additional hours paid relating to the maintenance of a parish website and production of the parish newsletter. This years total payments includes £6,000 which relates to two village hall grants provided to facilitate much needed improvements. The Parish Council is keen to support this as it believes the village halls are the heart of the community. Audit fees have trebled as last year's accounts do not include External Audit costs; this year's bill was £135. This year's training costs also reflect the training received by new councillors who have joined the council. The increase in fees and subscriptions reflect principally the council's subscription to Association of Local Councils and NALC the National Association. Last year's accounts did not include this. Some general administration costs have been shared with Condover Parish Council as the Clerk works for both councils and has resulted in savings.

Outcomes during the year your Parish Council has met 11 times and considered the following:

21 planning applications

Planning policy which includes:

A suite of draft policies making up Shropshire Councils Local Development Framework which will govern future development in Shropshire over the next 20 years.

Of which SAMDev - the Site Allocations Management Development policy which was presented at the last Annual parish Meeting and responded to by your local council; identifying Leebotwood & Longnor as Countryside and restricting future development as a cluster or hub.

Shropshire Council is expected to consult further in September on this matter.

