



Annual Report on Devolved Services for West Wycombe Parish Council

West Wycombe Parish Council took on Devolved Services in Tranche One from Buckinghamshire County Council. Negotiations and clarification of the maps and areas to be devolved took several months and we eventually signed the contract in June 2015.

The financial year 2015/2016 was therefore the first year we undertook the work. Bucks County Council supplied a grant of £2139 per annum to carry out the work.

Our expenditure in the first year was as follows:

£2133 on grass cutting of the verges in the 30mph speed limit

£420 on clearing grips

£80 on weed killing Cutty Alley and one section of pavement

£220 on Rights of Way clearance

Total expenditure - £2933

West Wycombe Parish Council funded the £740 shortfall. We expect to have increased expenditure in the year 2016/2017.

We sent out letters to 7 properties regarding hedge cutting and eventually 6 properties complied. One property involved Bucks CC which undermined my position as the Officers did not seem to be aware of our devolved situation.

We had no requests for signage, however several large signs were erected and had again been given permission by Bucks CC – we assume, once again, that the Officers did not know of our devolved status.

We did not receive any complaints.

Sharon Henson
Clerk/RFO

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