

## Wylam Parish Council

### Annual Governance and Accountabilty Return 2018/19

The key variances which contributed to the increase in payments are as follows:

The Council owns a property, a former post office with flat above. This was tenanted until 31st December 2018. The Council incurred additional legal expenses as a result of this.	£3,537 + VAT
Because the former Post Office property is now vacant the Council has become liable for Council Tax and Non Domestic Rates.	£941.52
The Council owns an area of land with allotments. The access track to these allotments was deeply rutted and required significant improvement. Rather than doing this on a piecemeal basis the decision was taken to do this in one go to achieve economies of scale.	£10,486.50 +VAT
The Council paid an invoice for grass cutting in 2017/18	£2,391 + VAT
The invoice for the Joint Burial Committee Clerk's salary for 2017/18 was paid in 18/19.	£1,351.32
Due to the resignation of the former Clerk and the appointment of a new Clerk with effect from 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019 the decision was taken to retain the services of the former Clerk until the 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2019 to provide training and secure an effective handover. There was also a cost associated with advertising the vacancy.	£494 & £562.40 + VAT
Costs were incurred getting a survey of the Cemetery done and maps produced and framed to support topple testing that is to be arranged..	£800 + VAT
VAT on payments increased as a result of the above to:	£4048