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There have been no significant variations to the planned spend this quarter. The council have given £500 in grants. This was to the preschool towards an outdoor climbing frame.

The first quarter has been predominantly a quarter of planning future spend over the next few months especially within Captains Close. Progress had been made with the ecology study and tree inspections and these costs will feed into 2nd Quarter activities.

Points of interest

Within **Annual Expenses** many of the Annual Membership Fees have now been paid to SLCC, NCALC and ACRE so although the spend is almost at what is budgeted for the year, we are not expecting many more.

Within **Parish Office** it is likely that we will go over the website budget as we are working on the new design and with hindsight should have increased the budget. Within the current spend is the £18 domain renewal and the £353.40 existing business plan negotiated down from 2 years to 1 year, this will finish when the new site is established. Next year the council may need to budget for a laptop upgrade for the clerk, it is now 5 years old.

Street Furniture may be an area of overspend going forward, the budget is £500 for bin replacements will not be enough, many of the dog bins have started to fail all at the same time. The council have sufficient funds to manage this, but the budget line maybe overspent this year, traditionally it is underspent as the council try to ensure the full life of the furniture before replacing but many have reached the limit and need to be replaced systematically.

Within **Streetlights** the budget for the maintenance contract is within the Repair Costs, however this will be moved before the second quarter report so it can be viewed separately. The quarter up to due in payable this month.