

### Accounting Statement for 2020-21

	2019-20	2020-21	Variance %age change	
Balance b/f	123,468	128,324	4	
Precept	12,330	16,430	33	Following budget consultation in December 2019, the Parish Council has increased its precept to cover the costs of additional services, including contracting for a lengthsman and preparations for operating Caldbeck public toilets following Allerdale's decision to close the facilities. Allerdale had also announced it would end its street lighting service but has decided to continue the service.
Other Receipts	3,849	11,581	201	Other receipts were significantly greater in 2020-21 than 2019-20. This is because the Parish Council received a £10,000 anonymous donation to cover the purchase price of National Park surplus land. The Parish Council expects to complete the purchase in early 2021-22. Excluding the donation, the Parish Council received additional receipts from the County Council for its contribution to Caldbeck Green grass cutting. Contributions are subject to inflation increases and these had not been indexed for a number of years.
Staff Costs	4,143	4,257	3	
Loan Interest	-	-		
Other Payments	7,180	13,772	92	Other payments were significantly increased compared to 2019-20. This is because the Parish Council drew £3,198 on earmarked reserves to pay for legal costs in relation to the National Park land purchase and advice on footpath, made an additional grant to Northern fells as a result of COVID, and sought pre planning advice from the National Park for an affordable housing project. There were budget savings on a number of items which balanced the spend funded by earmarked reserves. In addition the Parish Council contracted for the services of a lengthsman for the first time, costing £3,685. The Parish Council has extended the contract for 3 years, pleased with how the pilot arrangements operates and in light of welcome feedback from parishioners.
Balances c/f	128,324	138,306	8	Balances have increased by £9,982, in large part because of the £10,000 donation. Drawings on earmarked reserves were offset by savings on budget lines.
Cash/ Investments	128,324	138,306	8	
Fixed Assets	35,868	34,897	-3	In reviewing the asset register, the Parish Council concluded that a number of items shown at cost would be better shown as having a notional £1 valuation. These items include laptop and printer, strimmer, and miscellaneous items given to the Parish Council in recent years.
Borrowings	-	-		
				Note - a full analysis of budget line variances is included in the Final Outturn.