Clerk & RFO's Annual Financial Report for Year Ended 31/3/2022

Clive Parish Council's accounts are prepared on a Receipts & Payments basis, in summary:

Total Receipts for the year were £19,636 of which 71% was made up of the precept.

VAT refund from HMRC (£178), CIL Neighbourhood Fund from Shropshire Council (£2691), and traffic calming grant from West Mercia Police (£2793) were the only other monies received.

Total Payments for the year were £19,756, these are summarised below:

	£		%
Administration		8815	44.6%
Renshaw's Field Loan			
Repayment		4175	21.1%
Traffic calming		3301	16.7%
VAT		1016	5.1%
Professional services		900	4.6%
AED		875	4.4%
Local			
Grants/donations/prizes		240	1.2%
Insurance		213	1.1%
Training		200	1.0%
Events (AED training)		20	0.1%

Total payments (from budget and reserves) were 20% over budget for the 2021-22 year. This was partly comprised of staff overtime, unplanned purchase of new defibrillator, unplanned professional services (for Local Plan Review consultant) and VAT. Some budgets were underspent though including, office/postage, events, repairs and maintenance, and donations.

Local Grants and donations, were made up of:

£150 Clive & Grinshill newsletter

£50 donation to Wrexham Rural First Responders (as thank you for training event) These donations were made using the Council's powers s137 LGA 1972.

2 x £20 book tokens were also purchased as prizes for a poster competition in local schools. This was made using power LG(FP)A, 1963, s.5.

Administration Costs include Staff Costs (£8061), Audit fees, Annual Subscriptions, Stationery & Printing, Meeting costs (room hire and donation to Ruyton XI Towns Parish Council for 50% of Zoom pro monthly subscription), ICO registration fee, bank account fees, etc.

Total Funds as at 31st March 2022: £17,399, these are held at Unity Trust (the Council moved its banking during the year). Earmarked reserves balance was £13,500 at year end, which gives a general reserve balance of £3,900 (over 5 months' Net Revenue Expenditure) which is a decrease on 2020-21 general reserves (approx. 9 months NRE). This decrease in General Reserves is due to staff overtime, unbudgeted spend on a new AED and slight overspend on traffic calming, all of which used up some general reserves. The Council will look at moving some Earmarked reserves into General reserves during the current financial year to ensure there is enough working capital, and to start building these back up to recommended levels.

Contingent Assets & Liabilities: The Parish Council has reclaimed the VAT spent during the year, i.e., £1016 from HMRC, which has already been received in May 2022. It has committed annual expenditure of £4175 for loan repayments for Renshaw's Field purchase, plus £858 pa. for loan repayments for the Village Hall Veolia grant project. For the 2022-23 year there will only be repayments of £429 for the Village Hall loan because of when the repayment dates fall.

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