

# Berrington Parish Council

## Financial Report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2024

The Council received precept monies of £16,389 from Shropshire Council to enable it to fulfil its statutory duties.

The Council has also received £20,509.37 from the Neighbourhood Fund of the CiL monies raised due to development in the parish. This is being used to benefit the community. This year the Parish Council used £37,349.49 of the Neighbourhood Fund to finance a much-needed upgrading of the road crossing on the very busy A458 through Crosshouses.

The Parish Council also received £9,303.39 from Lightsource for the commissioning of a solar park within part of the parish. These monies are being used to benefit the community. Some £9,896.67 of the Lightsource monies this year was used to pay for the rebuilding of the Grade II listed wall to the Allotments.

The Parish Council received some £ 3536.44 from the insurance company in settlement of the claim for the time when the clerk was off sick long term and a locum clerk was employed to carry on her duties.

The Village Pump last year brought in £1,890.00 of revenue against costs of £ 2,244.00.

The council has paid out £72,044.30 during the year which is broken down as shown in the year end accounts.

The Council clerk was off sick from May 1<sup>st</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> March, and this led to the Council having to employ a locum clerk for this time. This has had an adverse effect on the financial situation. However, a claim has been submitted to the Insurance providers to recover a large portion of the extra salary costs.

The year-end accounts have been prepared and accepted by the Council and have been audited by the Internal Auditor and are waiting to go off to the External Auditors for final examination.

The Council has in all aspects of its financial dealings adhered to strict guidelines ensuring that all decisions represent best value for money for the community and as a result of this had an unqualified report from the External Auditors for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> Mar 2023.

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2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024