

Leighton & Eaton Constantine Parish Council

Financial Report for the year ended 31st March 2022

The Council received £6,889.00 from Shropshire Council in Precept monies to enable the Parish Council to carry out its statutory functions during the year.

The Parish Council did receive a grant for the Environmental Maintenance Grant from Shropshire Council this year. Shropshire Council are paying this grant retrospectively so the money the Parish Council have spent during this financial year on Grass cutting etc will be met with a 50% grant from Shropshire Council in the next financial year. The grant was halved from previous years and the Parish Council have had to match fund that grant so this will have an effect on the precept in future years as the parish Council will continue to have meet more and more of this cost for the maintenance of the Parish

The Council has spent £6,510.85 p which is broken down in the end of year accounts.

The main area for expenditure this last year was the staffing costs and the maintenance of the grass within the parish.

The Parish Council agreed to put the precept up for the 2022/2023 year to allow for additional grass cutting that is needed to keep the parish safe and tidy.

The Council retains a data Protection Officer and this comes with a cost. However given the importance of complying with all the rules and regulations the members felt that it was beneficial to appoint someone with the specialised knowledge required to keep the parish Council fully compliant.

The Council has reviewed and where deemed necessary updated their risk assessment documents along with their Financial Risk Assessment documents

Last year the External Auditors were changed for Parishes in Shropshire and as a result of a change in some of the regulations the Parish Council was able to declare themselves exempt from a limited assurance review under Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015. This simply means that the Receipts and payment for the financial year were under £25,000.

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