



Financial Report

The Parish Clerk presented on East Meon Parish Council Unaudited Accounts for year to 31st March 2022

Income

The precept had been received as expected at £28,149. Also received was the expected income from the Allotments and the Frogmore carpark. The Cricket club was a little under the budget due the agreement that the club will pay for actual costs for water, electricity and rates which came to the sum of £617.40.

Five Grants from EHDC had been gratefully received.

£420.83 – for the new Tennis Nets

£398.62 – for the Notice Board Refurbishments

£525.40 – for the Safety Matting for the Playground

£400 – for the Visitor sign in Workhouse Lane Car Park and

£500 – to go towards the new Speed Sign yet to be purchased.

There were also CIL monies of £2,500 received from the South Downs National Park, which must be used for projects within the community for the benefits of residents and must be used within 5 years.

She reported that in the summer last year Harvest Football Club had approached the Parish Council with the agreement in place for them to take over the grass cutting and general upkeep of the pitch and pavilion meaning a great saving of costs and the expected income from match days of £1080, unfortunately due to matches being cancelled and a late start to their season the income has been lower than initially expected.

Actual income received was £34,884.20 against a budget of £32,469.00 therefore an excess of £2,415.20.

Expenditure

Administration expenditure included the Clerks salary, caretaking costs, insurance, training, website, and sundry expenses, this is under budget with no unexpected costs.

Allotments, there had been an unexpected large bill for Water for the Frogmore Allotments, which was due to a longer gap between meter readings.

Capital Projects and improvements expenditure included the Parish Council Noticeboard Refurbishment, the East Meon Nature Group Noticeboard refurbishments, the Hampshire County Council Traffic Count, the repair of the damaged post and chain surrounding the War Memorial, the repainting of a village sign and the Workhouse Lane Visitor Noticeboard. We are also looking to purchasing a new Speed Sign the council are just waiting to receive grant monies to go towards this. Due to many of these items being funded by grant money this section had come under budget.

Donations, the council had donated £500 to the All-Saints Church for the maintenance of the churchyard, £200 towards the Village Halls expenses in organising the Village Festival on 15th August 2021, £200 toward the Butser Home Start Little Steps group which unfortunately the group had to close, however the Parish Council decided to allow the Charity Organisation to keep this donation. The council have also agreed a £500 donation toward the Queens Jubilee Celebrations this year.

The cost of maintaining the Parish Land covers grass cutting, mowing and the maintenance of trees and hedges. Last year Petersfield Town Council continued to cut the grass at the Recreation Ground, the Football Pitch, and the Green. Chris Smith mows the smaller areas of the Parish Land. This came in under budget due to the Football pitch being left to meadow for the summer and Harvest Football club taking this over.

Play Areas, each year RoSPA carry out an inspection of both play areas and works were required to ensure continued safety of those using the equipment.

Subscriptions, the council are members of Hampshire Association of Local Councils and renewed the subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks.

The actual total expenditure had been £25,562.80 against a budget of £32,130.00 meaning a saving of £6,567.40.

Summary of 2021/22

The opening balance on the 1st April 2021 had been £19,039.95 and the closing balance on the 31st of March 2022 was £28,698.68, along with a VAT claim for £1,731.46 which is also due for this year, which I believe are very healthy reserves.