

Annual Finance Report for Parish Meeting (2022/2023)

The Annual Governance of the accounts have been approved by the local accountant and will be signed by the council on Thursday's full parish meeting and forwarded then to PKF Accountants. They will shortly be available on the website and in accordance with regulations will be available for public view for 30 days. Please contact the clerk should you wish to view them.

Firstly, the balance of the Parish Council (accounts maintained by NatWest Bank) On the 31st March 2023 was £24301.27 against a starting balance of £26351.82.

The precept for last year was £23750, against an amount this year of £24750.

Also received was £1000 from KitKat, as a donation towards the Easter Bunny event with a further £400 this year to buy a bench, and £250 from Rushcliffe towards the jubilee event.

The Village Hall rental income was £1533, with costs totaling around £7712. The biggest cost being rent to the charities of £3055, power £1953, new fridge £380 and maintenance costs of £1100. However, in the present month we have received £1700 from the Bunny and Bradmore charities, being the money received from the insurers due to December's flood. A portion is still expected for increased power usage at that time.

I am sure you all love to see the village at holiday times. A Christmas tree and new lights were purchased, litter picking expenses, plants, and new lamppost poppies for later in the year were all included in costs of £493.

The Queen's jubilee event cost the council around £1500, and a great day was had by all.

A cost of £5472 was for grass cutting and tree work. We have saved money on this expense for this year, but please be patient with us as there will be some snags and errors to sort out over the next few months.

Staff costs have also increased to £6394 made up of the employment of a new clerk, administrator, and cleaner. However, office administration costs have halved 2022/2023 year, (and there will be nothing 2023/2024) . The Parish Council is looking at more ways to save money in 2023/2024

We continue to subsidize the Bunny Bulletin with a sum of £580 and I am sure that the residents love to read the publication. A subsidy of £225 is also provided for the allotment rental to Rushcliffe Parish Council.

Finally thank you to the chair, councillors, and villagers on welcoming me to my new role. It has been a steep learning curve and I am happy to be working with you all. Also, I just wanted to pass my thanks to Mike Elliott, the previous clerk who retired in August, and send best wishes to him for a speedy recovery as he is currently in hospital. I am sure you would all join me in wishing him well.