

ACCOUNTS 2023/24

ANALYSIS OF VARIANCES

Annual Precept – Box 2

At the meeting 12 December 2022 Councillors agreed to increase the precept to £18,600.00 from £15,180.00 This was to increase the reserve for Onehouse Meadow by £1,300.00. The cost for grass cutting of the playing field for 2023/24 increased by £1,250.00 as a new contractor has taken over after the retirement of the previous contractor who had been remarkably cheap. We are now paying the going rate for this type of work and also includes hedging and brambles being cut over the winter months. £500.00 was set aside to pay an editor for the parish magazine where previously this was carried out by a volunteer. Unfortunately, nobody came forward to be a volunteer when the previous editor gave up.

Other receipts – Box 3

We received £5,295.12 CiL funding and grants towards the Paupers Graves monument of £2,420.00 this financial year.

Other payments – Box 6

Half barrel flower boxes were purchased to install around the village at a cost of £600.00. A new notice board made of recycled plastic was purchased for £999.99 as the wooden one had rotted beyond repair, grass cutting of the playing field cost an additional £2,355.00 in 2023/4 to previous year but this includes cutting of hedges and clearing brambles around the perimeter. A deposit of £1666.67 has been paid towards the Pauper's Graves Memorial.

Our reserves remain relatively high. We are holding £5295.12 for CiL funded projects, £7,300.00 for the Onehouse Meadow project which is a piece of land we will be taking over from the District Council in due course to create a wildlife and recreation area. We also are holding £7,600.00 in a general reserve.

The difference between boxes 7 & 8 is that the accounts are produced in an income and expenditure format, and a copy of the preparation and trial balance sheets are enclosed to substantiate the difference.

Responsible Financial Officer

P A Fuller

20 June 2024