

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk's Report to the Swindon Parish Annual Meeting 2020-2021

The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2021 have been prepared and are on the website (and below).

Our annual internal audit has been completed with no major observations.

Our main source of income (nearly three quarters) is the precept collected via council tax. We have also received a grant of £2000 from the County Council which we will use for the improvement of our footpaths.

Our main items of expenditure are my salary, publishing the Village News and subscriptions to relevant organisations.

In the year we generated a surplus of £5,248.43. We only have four councillors and they are in full time employment. The time that can be expended progressing our projects is understandably limited.

We have a number of initiatives that we wish to undertake, including:

- Improving footpaths (e.g. outside the gym on Wymans Lane, the track by Next)
- Performing maintenance actions on the war memorial
- Undertaking tree works in the Amenity Area
- Restoring or replacing the Sundial Mosaic in the park

Overall our reserves stand at a healthy £29,649.42. On that basis we chose not to increase our portion of residents' council tax bills for 2021-2022. We hope to use a significant proportion of our reserves on the projects outlined above and others. We are more likely to meet these objectives if we can recruit more members to the council.

Shaun Cullimore
Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
INCOME				
Precept	£12,218.28	£11,862.41	£11,516.90	£11,181.46
Other income				
Allotment rents	£1,193.00	£1,271.00	£1,166.00	£884.00
Village News adverts	£387.00	£630.00	£444.50	£586.50
Misc (see note 1)	£260.23	£20.23	£20.23	£179.74
Interest	£1.00	£1.92	£1.94	£1.92
Growing Our Communities grant	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
"Being a Better Councillor" course (see note 4)	£550.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Support grant	£0.00	£0.00	£340.00	£618.18
Total income	£16,609.51	£13,785.56	£13,489.57	£13,451.80
EXPENDITURE				
Staff costs	£5,588.20	£5,406.16	£5,247.13	£5,192.08
Loan repayments	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,843.41
Other costs				
Administration	£2,189.82	£1,217.22	£1,601.40	£1,651.18
Communications (see note 2)	£2,432.82	£1,758.92	£1,754.50	£1,964.33
Ground works	£462.08	£0.00	£555.00	£0.00
Allotments	£17.29	£17.83	£0.00	£16.88
Meeting room costs	£0.00	£240.00	£240.00	£240.00
Grant to Royal British Legion	£90.00	£80.00	£188.84	£80.00
Special projects (see note 3)	£580.87	£1,426.16	£1,356.00	£0.00
Total expenditure	£11,361.08	£10,146.29	£10,942.87	£10,987.88
Surplus (deficit) for year	£5,248.43	£3,639.27	£2,546.70	£2,463.92
Retained surplus b/f	£24,400.99	£20,761.72	£18,215.02	£15,751.10
General fund c/f	£29,649.42	£24,400.99	£20,761.72	£18,215.02
REPRESENTED BY				
Cash at bank	£31,831.57	£25,414.16	£21,383.45	£19,432.80
Debtors including reclaimable VAT	£240.77	£2.10	£450.58	£2.40
Pre-paid expenses	£22.37	£11.65	£0.00	£0.00
Creditors	-£2,445.29	-£873.92	-£928.31	-£1,053.68
Pre-paid income	£0.00	-£153.00	-£144.00	-£166.50
	£29,649.42	£24,400.99	£20,761.72	£18,215.02

Note 1 – Includes waiving of room hire fees by Village Hall in 2019-2020

Note 2 – Cost of Village News and web site

Note 3 – Includes £580.87 for coronavirus support

Note 4 – Swindon Parish paid £450 to GAPTC for putting on the course and collected £550 from attendees from other parishes