

## SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

### Clerk's Report to the Swindon Parish Annual Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> April 2023

The accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 have been prepared and are on the website (and below). They have not been reviewed and approved by the Parish Council, nor has our annual internal audit taken place. The figures should be considered provisional.

Our main source of income is the precept collected via council tax. Given the difficult financial times we decided not to increase our precept. The amount has remained at £12,175.58, the same as in 2021-2022 and a lower figure than 2020-2021. The cost is shared by all the households in the parish. Because new houses have been built in the area the cost to individual households has actually decreased by 3%.

Parish council tax information 2022-23

Parish	Tax base	Precept (£)	Council tax band D (£)	Council tax increase/decrease
Charlton Kings *	5,004.50	177,159.00	35.40	20.00%
Leckhampton with Warden Hill	3,426.40	64,260.00	18.75	0.11%
Prestbury	3,172.90	97,132.00	30.61	10.03%
Swindon	701.40	12,175.58	17.36	-3.02%
Up Hatherley	2,523.80	28,974.00	11.48	9.54%
<b>Total</b>		379,700.58		

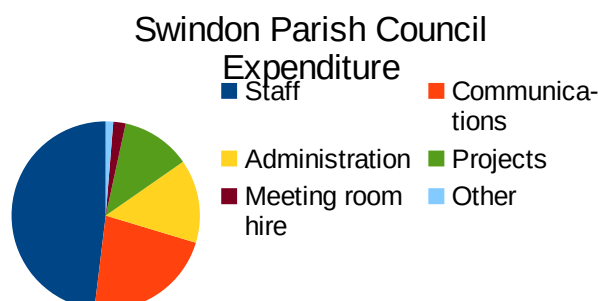
We also receive rental income from the allotments and advertising income from the Village News. The graphic below shows our income.

#### Swindon Parish Council Income



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Our expenditure in the last year has been mainly on employing a clerk, communications (printing the Village News and maintaining the website) and administration. However, the figure for administration includes the purchase of laptop.



In the year we still generated a surplus of £964.30. We have reserves of £32,859.87. This is a high figure, again because we have not been able to complete planned projects. Whilst we have money in the bank, it has been difficult for our members to find time to progress our plans. We now have seven councillors (and two vacancies), so I am hopeful that this will enable us to get more done.

Shaun Cullimore  
Clerk to Swindon Parish Council