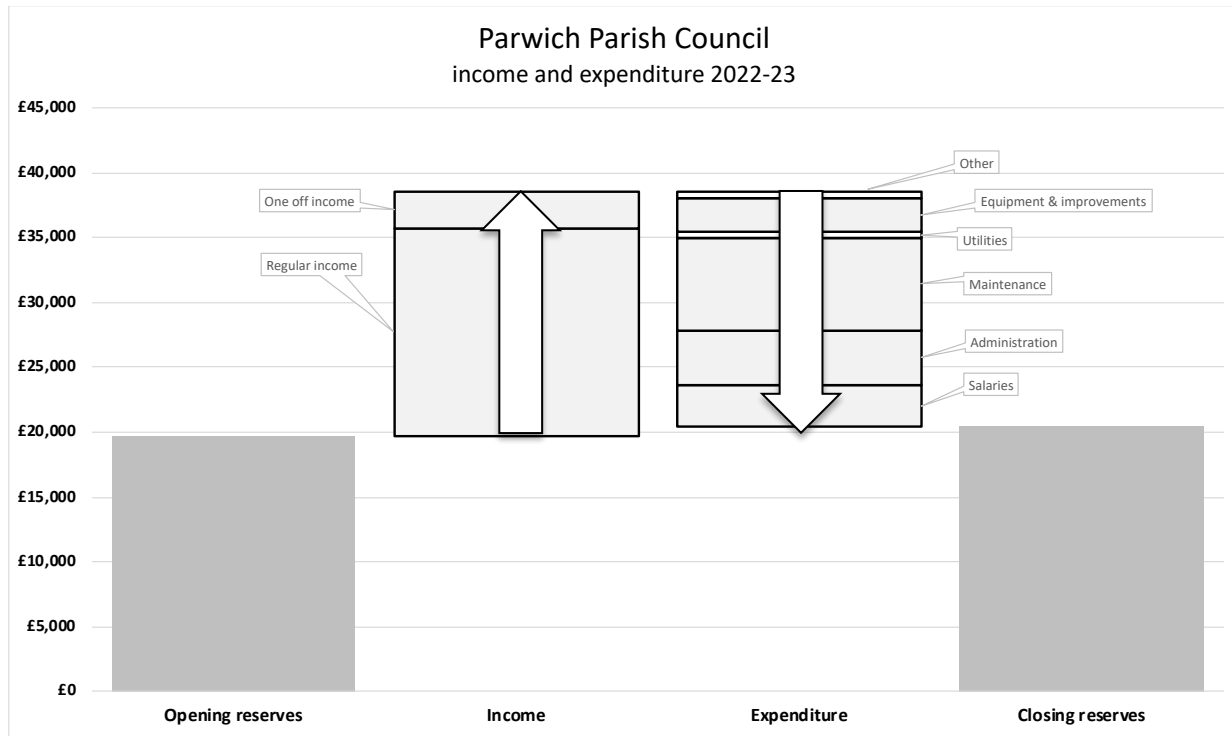


Parwich Parish Council Finances.

Year to March 31st 2023.

Overview



This graph of income and expenditure shows how much money the Parish Council started the year with, what was left at the end and why. For consistency with the Annual Governance and Reporting forms it reflects the year in which transactions appeared on bank statements.

The level of reserves is reviewed by the Council. An amount between 50% and 100% of annual income is typical for local authorities. Larger reserves can reflect funds built up for bigger one-off costs that have to be saved up for, or for unexpected arisings. The level of reserves is high enough that the Council is required to publish an explanation as part of the Annual Return. One of the man reasons is potential one-off costs associated with the large amount of land the Council manages.

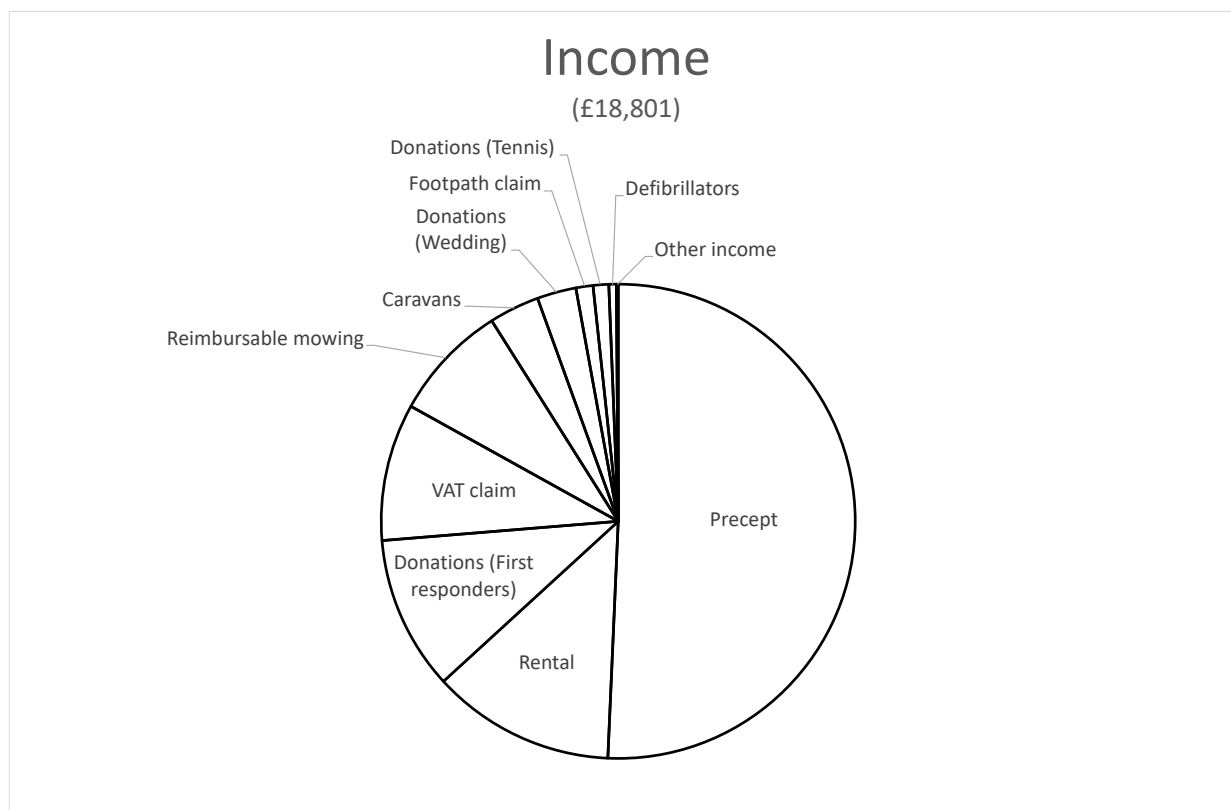
The sources of income added to these reserves are broken down on a later chart.

Spending on salaries and administration is broadly the underlying cost of running the Parish Council. This year includes some one-off administration costs which are broken down on a later chart. The salary element includes payments to the Clerk and tax paid through PAYE. The salary is based on six hours of work per week. Time spent beyond this is voluntary.

Spending on maintenance and utilities could typically be repeated each year. Equipment and improvement costs tend to be one off items decided each year. The cost of maintenance and improvements are broken down on a later chart.

“Other” expenditure is “Section 137” costs which are limited payments that a Parish Council can make even though it has no specific powers to do so. They included donations towards fireworks, a Remembrance Day wreath and a heart monitor for Hartington surgery.

Income



The precept is a small part of council tax which comes to the Parish. Each year the Parish Council decides how much it would like to have collected for it in this way. This was set at 85 pence per Band D household per week.

Rent comes from two pieces of agricultural land owned by the Parish. The value of the rents above is only half the annual income because payments for the second half of the year were received just after the official year end. These payments will show as income next year.

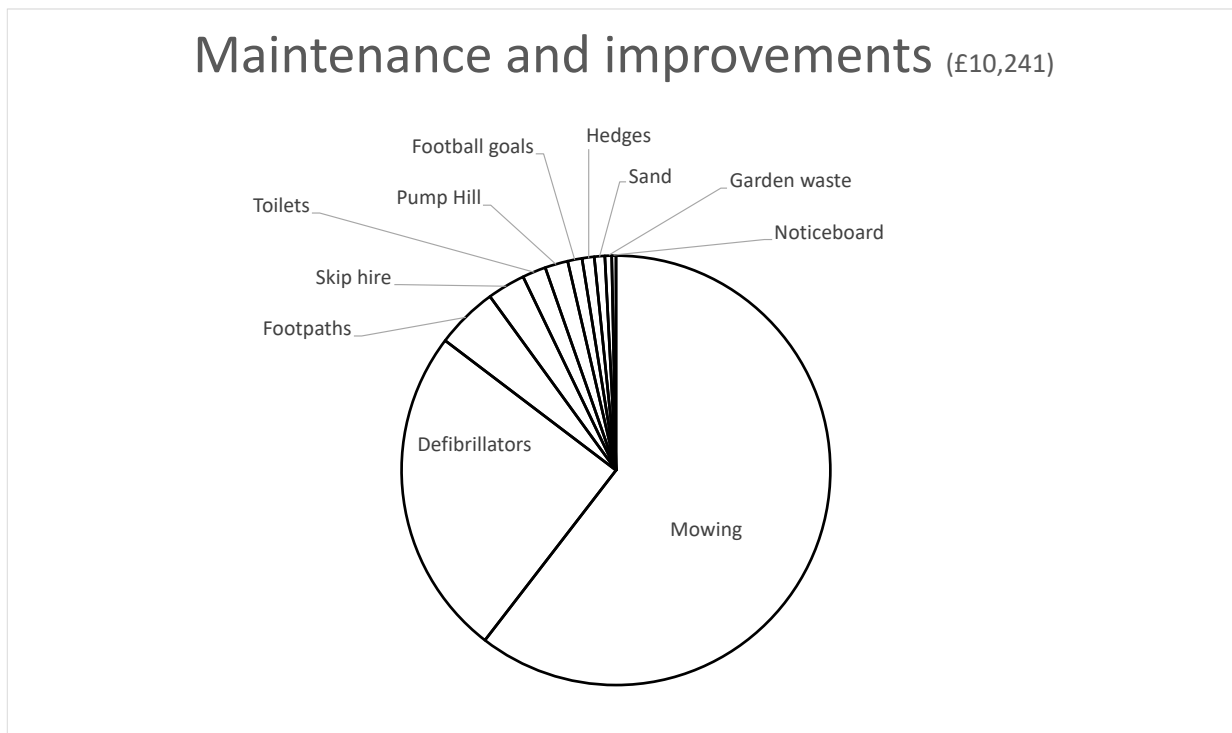
The First Responders made a donation to cover the cost of new defibrillators. Also shown is a small refund following their purchase.

The VAT claimed back was £1,758 from expenditure the 2021-22. In 2023-24 £928 is being claimed back for expenditure in 2022-23.

The Council is able to claim some costs for the maintenance of playing fields from Derbyshire Dales District Council. Parwich claims the maximum amount permissible, though this only covers part of the cost of the mowing.

The Council is able to claim a small amount for clearance of ground cover (only) on footpaths that are official rights of way.

Maintenance and improvements



Mowing the various greens in the village is by far the greatest area of spend for the Council. The Council also arranges for the strimming of some verges. This was the second year of a three-year mowing contract.

Beyond the regular mowing the Parish Council undertakes various other maintenance projects as the need arises and to enhance the village.

The defibrillators purchased with the donation from the First Responders are now owned and insured by the Parish Council.

Footpath maintenance was largely on Gibbons Bank. The cost was reclaimed from Derbyshire County Council.

The skip hire was to allow volunteers to clear weeds from the Jubilee Pond.

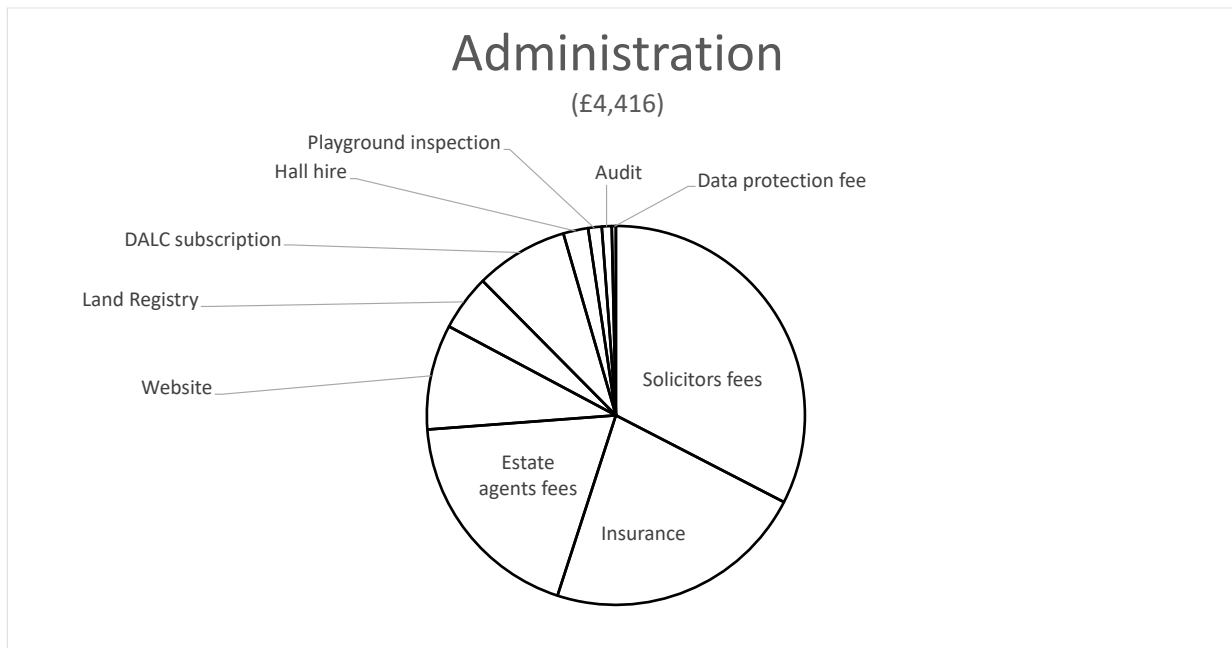
Work on the toilets included replacing gutters and treating a wasp infestation.

Work on Pump Hill was to clear brambles. The green garden waste bin is also situated at Pump Hill.

The footballs goals, to replace those damaged, are currently in storage.

The sand is available at the Sycamore. As are empty sandbags supplied by Derbyshire County Council.

Administration



This year has seen the most of the remaining one-off costs for solicitors and estate agents' fees, and the Land Registry, associated with the proper registration of the land the Council owns and achieving the most beneficial tenancy arrangements for the parish as a whole. The land is now properly registered and one new tenancy agreement will come into effect next year.

The Parish Council has an insurance policy to cover its activities and assets. This includes buildings and third-party liability insurance. The Council no longer provides the buildings insurance for the Memorial Hall as it was advised that this should be arranged by the management trustees in order to comply with charity law.

The Parish Council maintains a website to meet the requirements for transparency and accountability. A service is purchased which includes links to other authorities' sites. The Clerk can create content and archive documents such as agendas, minutes and policies.

Membership of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils provides advice and training for Councillors and the Clerk.

It is a requirement of the insurance policy that an independent inspection of the safety of the playground equipment is carried out each year.

Andrew Martin.
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May 2023 .