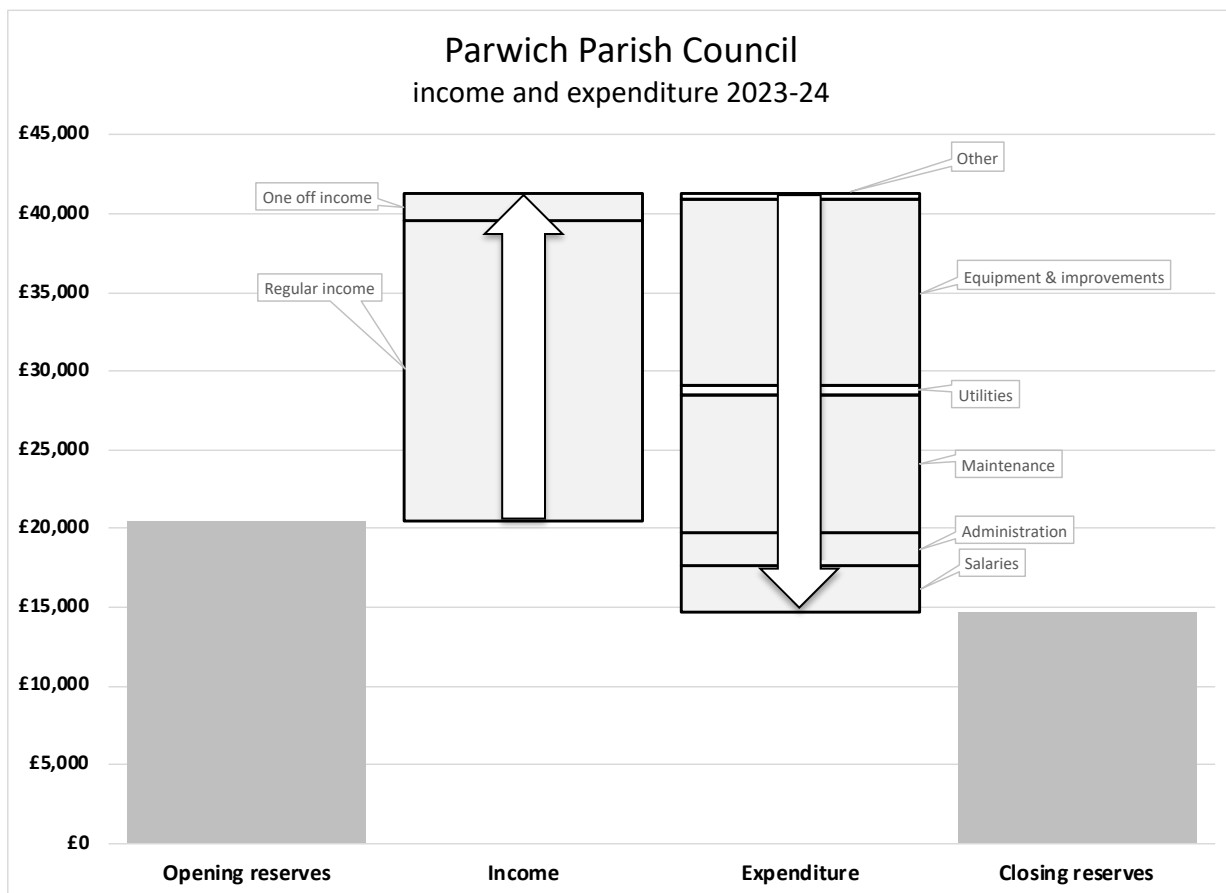


# Parwich Parish Council Finances.

Year to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024.

## 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. 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 no longer requires the Council to publish an explanation as part of the Annual Return. The reduction of reserves over the year reflects a higher level of spending on equipment and improvements reducing the relatively high level of reserves that had been build up previously.

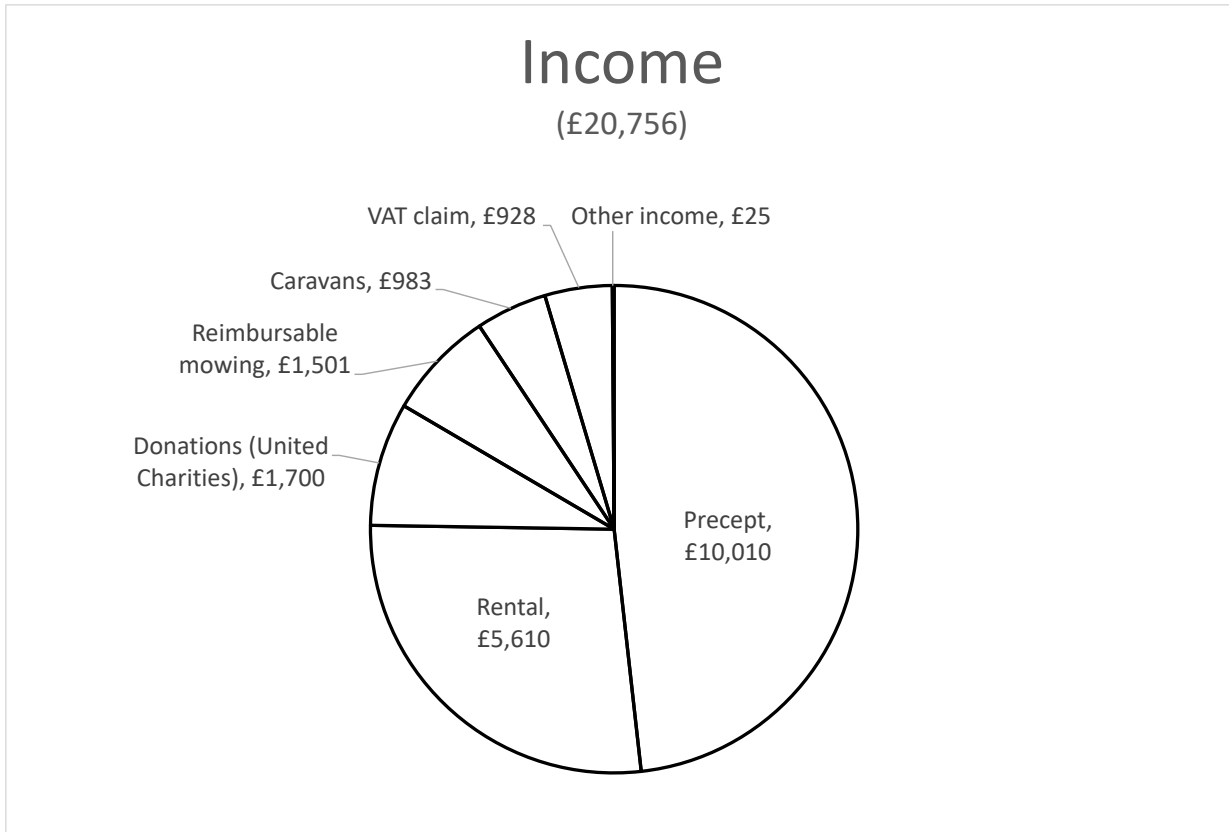
The sources of income added to these reserves are broken down on a later chart.

Spending on salaries and administration is broadly the underlying cost of running the Parish Council. The administration costs 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. Due to the timing of the yearend the salary shown is only for the first three quarters of the year.

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 were donations towards fireworks and a Remembrance Day wreath.

# 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. It was equivalent to 89 pence per Band D household per week.

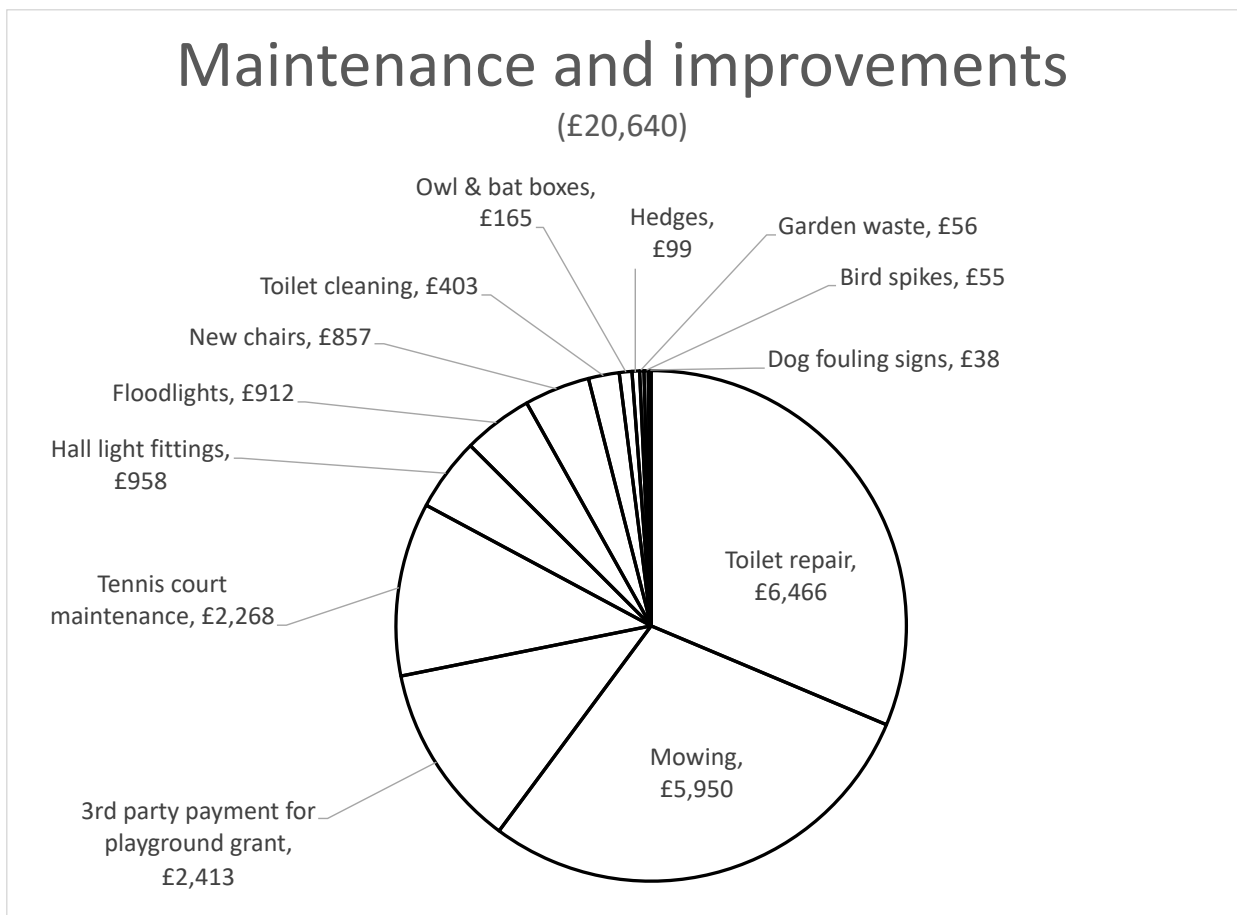
Rent comes from two pieces of agricultural land owned by the Parish.

The VAT claimed back was £928 from expenditure the 2021-22. In 2023-24 £2,064 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.

Donations from the United Charities were towards the cost of repairs to the Pavilion and fitting replacement parts to the playground swings.

## Maintenance and improvements



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

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

Work on the toilets included replacing doors windows and the noticeboard. A number of minor plumbing repairs were also carried out. Weekly cleaning of the toilets was restarted.

The 3rd Party Payment for the Playground Grant was a necessary pre condition of the grant application. The grant itself (£21,688) will be paid in 2024-25 now that the new equipment has been installed.

Tennis court maintenance included both cleaning and relining.

Light fitting were donated to the Hall.

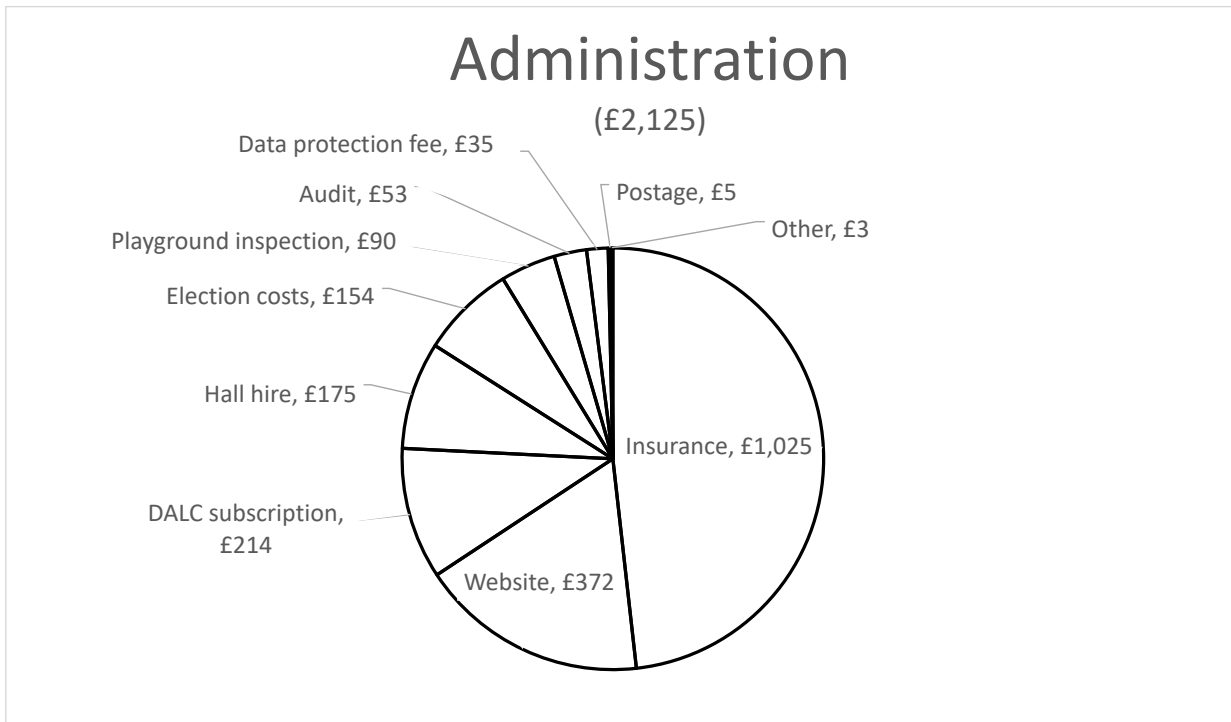
Floodlights were purchased for the tennis courts but were installed at no cost to the Council.

New chairs were purchased to be used outdoors for various village events.

The owl and bat boxes were installed at Pump Hill.

Hedge cutting is principally around Parson's Croft carpark.

# Administration



The Parish Council has an insurance policy to cover its activities and assets. This includes buildings and third-party liability insurance. This was the second year of a three year agreement.

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.

The minimum rate of election costs was charged by Derbyshire Dales District Council as Parish Councillors were elected unopposed in Parwich.

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 2024.