

Notes to the Accounts

1. General

This was an exciting year for the Parish Council as we made significant improvements to the Recreation Ground. This included a collaboration with a local group of parents (Revamp Group) to raise funds and instal a new children's playground. This was completed in December 2021 and has proved to be a great success with families enjoying it every day and was a great community focused initiative. In addition, we installed a new path connecting the entrances between Maidstone Road and Harrison Road and we plan to add to this with a complete perimeter path on the field area later next year. We also painted the Pavilion and re-purposed the tennis courts.

We have prioritised environmental practices on all the land owned by the Parish Council, including the purchase of three new areas of land this year, promoting policies which support the environmental. Our environmental policies have included placing an order for a new electric van, erecting about 50 bird boxes for different types of birds and cultivating some of our open spaces to sustain and promote many different species of wildlife. We have also made a concerted effort to keep our open spaces clean and safe.

Despite the challenge of coming out of COVID, the Parish Council managed to maintain its normal business activities and Potters Mede remains popular with our hirers. We will lay a new floor within the hall next year making it an attractive proposition for dance and keep-fit clubs.

Due to the large capital expenditure projects at the Recreation Ground and challenge and impact of COVID during the year the Parish Council incurred a deficit of expenditure over income for the year of £50,282.

2. Accounting Practices

The accounts are prepared on an Income and expenditure basis.

3. Income

Income is listed as £354,905. This comprised of our precept of £206,920, donations and grants towards the playground project of £87,718 and general operating income of £60,267 (including VAT reclaim of £38,442).

4. Expenditure

Expenditure is allocated across five cost centres: Administration, Recreation Ground, Potters Mede, Open Spaces and Skateboard Park.

Total expenditure for the year amounted to £405,188. And was allocated as follows: Recreation Ground £45,316, Administration £99,131, Potters Mede £51,252, Open Spaces £31,022, Skate Park £2,533, other £2,733, VAT £38,442. Project costs for the new playground amounted to £134,759.

Included within Administration costs is legal expenses £47,739. This remains an ongoing matter.

5. Analysis of Project Income and Expenditure

Expenditure included dismantling the old playground, purchase of the new equipment, installation of the new equipment, installation of a new perimeter fence, new CCTV equipment, additional insurance and sundry items.

Expenditure

| | £ |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Playground equipment/installation | 109,937 |
| CCTV equipment and installation | 7401 |
| Play area perimeter fence | 10786 |
| Enovert funding contribution | 5000 |
| Additional Insurance for the year | 607 |
| Bins/benches | 250 |
| Shed upgrade | 250 |
| Independent inspection | 250 |
| Misc | 278 |
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| Total | 134,759 |

Income, Donations and BGPC
Contribution

| | £ |
|------------------------------------|--------|
| Enovert | 50000 |
| Corporate Sponsors | 23500 |
| CAF | 5000 |
| Revamp Group (as at 30/11/21) | 9218 |
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| Sub total | 87718 |
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| BGPC Contribution (as at 31/03/22) | 47041 |
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| Total | 134759 |

NB: The Revamp Group collected an additional £600 between 01/12/21 and 31/03/22,

which is included in the BGPC contribution following the closure of the project.

The Revamp Group collected £9818 in total and an additional £483 after the y/e date, which will be reflected in next year's accounts.