

MUCH HADHAM PARISH COUNCIL

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

APPROVED

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require all authorities to prepare a statement of accounts for each financial year in accordance with proper practices.

Where an authority's gross income and expenditure accounts is not more than £200,000 for that year, or for either of the two immediately preceding financial years, the statement may take the form of a summary receipts and payments account, as here.

**Financial Accounts approved by the Parish Council at its meeting on the
4 June 2024**

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SUMMARY RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
RECEIPTS		
Precept	43,000.00	42,000.00
Litter Agency	-	4,884.58
Pavilion income	674.00	4,804.00
Grants	735.30	300.64
Burial fees	2,335.00	7,880.00
Other	-	11.10
VAT reclaimed	2,460.25	16,360.28
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>49,204.55</u>	<u>76,240.60</u>
PAYMENTS		
Staff costs	9,996.48	9,581.40
PWLB loan repayment - Pavilion	5,387.46	5,387.46
PWLB loan repayment - Lighting	2,734.64	2,734.64
Administration costs	2,830.28	3,038.08
Legal costs	650.00	-
Insurance	3,065.90	3,130.61
Audit fees	780.00	845.00
Maintenance of open spaces	5,035.52	8,244.51
Litter	1,092.00	4,008.00
War memorial	830.02	879.62
Pavilion running costs and maintenance	2,790.43	3,765.65
Grants and donations (Section 137 expenditure)	826.60	700.00
Sport and recreation grants (Section 106 funded)	-	-
Neighbourhood Plan	-	1,245.38
Capital - Defibrillator	-	2,440.00
Speed Indicator Device (SID) extended warranty	1,000.00	-
Burial ground	6,507.19	4,381.09
VAT	1,734.10	2,460.25
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>45,260.62</u>	<u>52,841.69</u>
NET RECEIPTS	3,943.93	23,398.91
BALANCE BOUGHT FORWARD	97,528.49	74,129.58
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	<u>101,472.42</u>	<u>97,528.49</u>
Balance carried forward relates to:		
Parish Council	72,174.89	64,058.77
Burial Authority	29,297.53	33,469.72
	<u>101,472.42</u>	<u>97,528.49</u>

Approved by the Parish Council on 4 June 2024

Chair

P.A. Taylor

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Responsible Financial Officer

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SUPPORTING NOTES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

ASSETS	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
Assets purchased during the year were:	£	£
Defibrillator	-	2,440.00
Bench (Burial Authority)	-	478.53
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,918.53</u>

No assets have been sold in the current year. The Parish Council expected to transfer its street lights to Herts County Council by the 31 March 2023, under an agreement pursuant to s270 Highways Act 1980. This agreement is still outstanding. Although this agreement has not yet been finalised, Herts County Council assumed responsibility for the energy and maintenance costs associated with the street lights from 1 April 2022.

	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
At the year end, the following assets were held:	£	£
<u>Community assets:</u>		
Sports Pavilion	1.00	1.00
Much Hadham Village Hall	1.00	1.00
Much Hadham Recreation Ground	1.00	1.00
Much Hadham Burial Ground	1.00	1.00
Perry Green Burial Ground	1.00	1.00
Village Green - Perry Green	1.00	1.00
Village Green - Green Tye	1.00	1.00
Bowls Pavilion	1.00	1.00
	<u>8.00</u>	<u>8.00</u>
<u>Other fixed assets:</u>		
Pavilion refurbishment	116,857.00	116,857.00
Roller shutter (Pavilion)	1,760.00	1,760.00
Village Hall Green Room Floor	11,659.56	11,659.56
Children's play equipment	69,491.53	69,491.53
War Memorial	# 26,013.00	26,013.00
Iron gate and fencing	# 6,302.00	6,302.00
Post and chain fencing	# 3,633.00	3,633.00
Bus Shelters	9,702.00	9,702.00
Parish street lighting	54,596.29	54,596.29
Millenium sign	2,784.00	2,784.00
Best Kept Village sign	# 2,786.00	2,786.00
Stone and timber seats	## 7,815.39	7,815.39
Litter bins	722.68	722.68
Speed Indicator Device (SID)	5,100.00	5,100.00
Laptop	524.17	524.17
Defibrillator	2,440.00	2,440.00
Notice boards and map board (donated)	1.00	1.00
	<u>322,187.62</u>	<u>322,187.62</u>
Total assets	<u>322,195.62</u>	<u>322,195.62</u>

Majority of assets are valued at cost. Community and donated assets are nominally valued at £1.

The value of these assets were determined using insurance values as a proxy in March 2010.

The majority of the items within this classification have an insurance proxy value.

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FUND BALANCES	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
	£	£

The Parish Council's Fund Balances are held in the following bank accounts:

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account	47.46	47.46
Unity Trust Current Account	101,424.96	97,481.03
	<u>101,472.42</u>	<u>97,528.49</u>

BURIAL AUTHORITY	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£

The Burial Authority receipts and payments account is analysed below:

Receipts

Burial fees	2,335.00	6,515.00
Memorial and inscription fees	-	1,365.00
	<u>2,335.00</u>	<u>7,880.00</u>

Payments

Burial grounds maintenance	2,250.00	1,350.00
Other maintenance	-	208.96
Water	162.19	148.60
Other	95.00	95.00
Perry Green Burial Ground extension	4,000.00	770.00
St Andrew's Burial Ground entrance works	-	1,330.00
Capital: Bench	-	478.53
	<u>6,507.19</u>	<u>4,381.09</u>

EARMARKED RESERVES	31 March 2024	31 March 2023
	£	£

The Parish Council has the following earmarked reserves:

Legal fees	2,350.00	-
Section 106 receipts for sport and recreation	1,570.00	1,570.00
Open spaces	14,905.00	9,905.00
Community Football Coaching grant (balance)	73.40	-
	<u>18,898.40</u>	<u>11,475.00</u>

Earmarked reserves are established for specific purposes:

- ~ legal fees: to cover legal fees associated with the funding review for the Recreation Ground;
- ~ Section 106 receipts: funds available for sport or recreation purposes;
- ~ Open spaces: primarily to cover tree work at the Recreation Ground; and
- ~ Community Football coaching grant: balance of £500 grant to purchase and donate football equipment.

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BORROWING

The Parish Council obtained the following loan to fund the refurbishment of the Pavilion:

Lender: Public Works Loan Board (PWLB)
Loan sum: £80,000
Loan term: 20 years
Interest rate: 3.08%
Loan period: May 2015 to May 2035

Repayments of capital and interest totalling £2,693.73 are made each May and November.
The balance of the loan outstanding at the year end was £51,840.21 (31 March 2023 £55,545.18)

The Parish Council obtained the following loan to fund the refurbishment of the parish street lighting:

Lender: Public Works Loan Board (PWLB)
Loan sum: £25,000
Loan term: 10 years
Interest rate: 1.74%
Loan period: October 2021 to October 2031

Repayments of capital and interest totalling £1,367.32 are made each April and October, starting from April 2022. The balance of the loan outstanding at the year end was £20,340.35 (31 March 2023 £22,690.36)

LEASES

The Parish Council granted a lease to the Henry Moore Foundation (HMF) in June 2011. In return for paying rent to the Parish Council, HMF has permission for the bridge, on the green at Perry Green, for access to The Hoops. The rent HMF pay is due every 4 years and the rent increase is 50% of the preceding rent paid. No rent has been received in the current or prior year.

This lease agreement was terminated by HMF, effective date being 27 December 2023.

SECTION 137 PAYMENTS

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) enables the Parish Council to spend up to the product of £9.93 (2022/23 £8.82) per head on the electoral roll in any one year for the benefit of people in its area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers. The total amount available for this purpose was £16,553.31 (2022/23 £14,482.44).

The Parish Council made the following grants and donations:

	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
Grant to the King's Coronation event	300.00	700.00
Donated goods to Community Football Coaching	426.60	-
Donation to Citizens Advice East Herts	100.00	-
	<u>826.60</u>	<u>700.00</u>

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GRANTS RECEIVED	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
The Parish Council received the following grants:		
Much Hadham Sports Association - Pavilion and open spaces	485.30	300.64
St Andrew's School - open spaces	250.00	-
	<u>735.30</u>	<u>300.64</u>

AGENCY WORK	2023/24	2022/23
	£	£
The Parish Council undertook the following agency work on behalf of East Herts District Council:		
Litter Agency	-	4,008.00
	<u>-</u>	<u>4,008.00</u>

The agreement to undertake this agency work ended on 31 March 2023 as roadside litter bins, from April 2023, became the responsibility of East Herts Council and will be emptied by that Council.

The Parish Council will continue to use a contractor to empty its own bins as well as some litter picking within the village.

ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY

Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1986 requires the Parish Council to disclose payments on advertising and publicity. No such payments were made in the current or prior year.

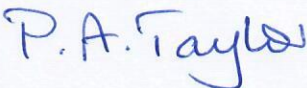
CONTINGENT LIABILITY

The Parish Council has not made any provision for contingent liabilities and it is not envisaged that the Parish Council will suffer a loss or incur a cost in the future.

VAT	31 March	31 March
	2024	2023
	£	£
The Parish Council reclaims VAT on expenditure.		
The claim for the current year will be received in April 2024.		
The breakdown per year is:	<u>1,734.10</u>	<u>2,460.25</u>

TRUST AND CHARITABLE FUNDS

The Parish Council does not act as sole Trustee for any funds.

Chair 


Responsible Financial Officer