

## **MUCH HADHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Much Hadham Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023, in the Much Hadham Village Hall, at 7:30 pm.

\*Cllr B Bird  
\*Cllr K Hamilton  
\*Cllr I Hunt (Vice Chair)  
\*Cllr J Liversage  
\*Cllr D McDonald

\*Cllr B O'Neill  
\*Cllr S Smith  
\*Cllr P Taylor (Chair)  
Cllr K Twort

\* denotes present

In attendance: F Forth, Clerk and 2 members of the public.

### **23/1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Cllr K Twort.

### **23/2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

Cllr I Hunt declared an interest in a payment to be approved (agenda item 23/11 (i)) and would therefore not be participating in nor voting on the related motion.

No other declarations were made or applications for dispensations sought.

### **23/3. NOTIFICATIONS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

### **23/4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair wished everyone present a Happy New Year.

Although there have been no proper communications with Highways since May 2022, the Chair made the following Highways related announcements:

- notifications stated that Kettle Green Lane would be closed between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> January but the actual signs in place indicate that the closure will take place between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January instead;
- Windmill Way will also be closed for 3 days for micro surfacing; and
- work has been completed on the tree trunks in Church Lane.

Finally, the Chair highlighted that a consultation event was taking place at The Henry Moore Foundation on Thursday evening 6 to 7:30 pm in relation to the Sheep Field Barn.

#### 23/5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 be accepted as a correct record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair after the meeting.

#### 23/6. REPORTS ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS AND RESOLUTIONS

The Chair reported that there had been nothing new in relation to outstanding matters, although photos had been taken of all the benches in the village with just those in the hamlets to be taken.

The Clerk stated that the balance in the COIF Deposit Account had been increased by £506.06 following the granting of a further gas easement at the Recreation Ground in 1989.

#### 23/7. MEMBERS' REPORTS

##### (i) Community

Cllr D McDonald reported that the Sports Association funding review was ongoing. Data had been collected and once analysed, a further meeting with the Sports Association would take place.

In terms of the Pavilion, negotiations were ongoing with a potential long-term hirer. It was hoped that a proposal, including a draft agreement, would be available for the February meeting.

Cllr S Smith reminded those present that the defibrillator training was taking place at the Pavilion on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 10 am and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 7 pm. 25-26 people had booked places over both dates. In addition, it was confirmed that the defibrillator was accessed but not used on firework night.

##### Village Hall

Cllr K Hamilton reported that the Village Hall was being well used by Groups. The Village Hall Chair is aware of concerns with the Management Committee's status with the Charity Commission and this is being rectified.

In addition, concerns have been expressed about the lighting in the car park in the winter. The road outside only has 1 street light which gives little illumination for either the road or the car park. Consequently, the Parish Council was asked if it would consider working with the Management Committee to improve the lighting in this area.

Finally, a Bookings Secretary is still required and if anyone is interested, contact details for the Village Hall Chair can be provided.

It was noted in discussion by Cllrs of lighting in the car park, that the costs would be in the region of that identified when investigating lighting for the Recreation Ground car park. An alternative proposal would be to install some battery-operated motion sensor LED spotlights at the end of the Village Hall or encourage users to make use of torches. In addition, trimming the trees near the existing lamp post light might improve brightness.

(ii) Environment (inc Public Rights of Way (PRoW))

General

Cllr S Smith commented that the village and hamlets had seen their fair share of snow and rain over the last few weeks. Firstly, the cold spell in early December which provided a true wintery scene with residents and their vehicles coming to terms with the icy conditions while children found their sledges to slide down the slope at Steep Jack hill. Next came a fairly mild festive period to be followed by heavy rain and flooding.

Public Rights of Way

Cllr S Smith provided the following update:

- fly tipping at the bottom of Stansted Hill, where Footpaths 25 and 27 meet at the corner of the road, has not been cleared despite repeated calls to East Herts Council (EHC). This incident was, reportedly, at the top of the contractors list to clear but it required a specific type of vehicle to carry it away. It had been noted by a number of residents that unknown persons had added rubbish to the pile;
- fly tipping on the B1004 just before Jobbers Wood - area had been coned off but delays occurred before the area was actually cleared. As this site spanned the road and the verge, neither EHC (responsible for verges) nor Herts County Council (responsible for roads) were prepared to take the initiative to clear it;
- in the last 24 hours a new fly tipping incident has been spotted on the north side of the B1004 just before Danebridge Road. This has been reported to EHC but it is not the first time that rubbish has been dumped at this particular location as it difficult to block access, due to flat ditches either side; and
- Footpath 44 just past Old Park farm – the hedges on the narrow section just north of the farmhouse have been trimmed by request.

Cllr B O'Neill commented that not having the brown bins emptied by EHC for a few weeks may have added to the fly tipping. In addition, he reported that the replacement of the dog poo bin by Footpath 29 had been delayed due to the weather.

Cllr B O'Neill also reported that the Wildlife Trust had highlighted that there had been a sewage discharge into the River Ash for an 18 hour period which had been reported to the Environment Agency. Providing the water was not too high, the intention was to sample the water this weekend. Cllr I Hunt added that Thames Water made monitoring information available on sewage discharges. It was suggested that this information should be reviewed

prior to each meeting to identify if there were any issues to note, particularly as the Environment Agency do not provide updates back to any person reporting incidents.

(iii) Highways (inc street lighting)

The Chair expressed her frustration at not getting updates from Highways for actions that were agreed a number of years ago.

Cllr S Smith reported residents in Danebridge Road had addressed the flooding issue by digging out gullies and culverts to take the flood water away. Despite that, the flood water in the road was still deep, and a fresh load of gravel and dirt had been washed down in the recent rain.

Finally, a query was raised about the recent road closure by Moor Place Gate. Although unclear, it was believed to have been due to a burst water main.

(iv) Media

Cllr S Smith reported that he was still reviewing the refreshment of the Parish Council website. He commented that he had looked at other parish council websites, noting that other websites were not just an archive for minutes etc but also used for news and updates. It was recognised that would need people to invest in contributing content for the website.

A rough cost to update or renew the website to be sought.

(v) Security

Cllr J Liversage commented that OWL reporting had changed over the recent months to be more informational on issues to be aware of as opposed to reports of crimes. She added that PCSO Leon de Bruyn had provided the following information on crimes for last month:

- 1<sup>st</sup> December: criminal damage to crops in Bromley Lane as a field with arable crops was driven over;
- 20<sup>th</sup> December: criminal damage to a residential property in Ash Meadow as a front window had been broken; and
- 20<sup>th</sup> December: criminal damage at the school as signs were pulled off fences and a gate.

Cllr B O'Neill commented that although not reported to the police, eggs had been thrown at his property a number of times.

(vi) Stansted Airport

Cllr D McDonald reported that he was still waiting for the changes which Stansted Airport propose to make to flight paths to be announced

(vii) Other

20s plenty

Cllr D McDonald reported that progressing “20s plenty” was ultimately the responsibility of Herts County Council (HCC). Sites have been identified and ranked, according to location, density, etc. However, HCC’s narrow interpretation requires speed tests to be undertaken in these locations first, consequently no sites are progressing although urban locations are receiving more attention than rural locations. In addition, HCC demonstrates that it is not buying into the environmental benefits from “20s plenty”.

Cllr D McDonald also highlighted that only 13 out of 125 town/parish councils in Hertfordshire have passed a resolution to support the “20s plenty” campaign. A further “20s plenty” Zoom meeting is taking place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January when it is hoped that some strategic focus can be developed to encourage HCC to progress this matter.

23/8. REPORTS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr I Devonshire (EHC) provided the following updates:

- fly tipping – a number of sites in the parish are being dealt with, including looking through the waste left to identify the person responsible;
- Kettle Green Lane passing bays – pressure will continue to be applied to Cllr G McAndrew (HCC) in order to get the passing bays dealt with. It was noted that it would be sensible to complete these when the road is being closed for other work; and
- brown bins – although brown bins had not been emptied over the festive break, due to bad weather and/or suspensions, no refunds would be provided to customers in line with the agreement’s small print.

Finally, Cllr I Devonshire (EHC) queried whether the Parish Council knew what was happening along Woodlands Road as it had been noted that concrete bases were being installed but there was no planning permission for this site. Cllr I Hunt agreed to investigate.

23/9. RESIDENTS’ COMMENTS

(i) Websites

A resident highlighted that reviewing existing websites, including comparing to other similar websites, could result in savings. This had been demonstrated by a local health provider.

## 23/10. GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTATION

In response to a query from Cllr D McDonald, it was confirmed that the Parish Council was a “smaller authority” in the context of this proposed policy.

RESOLVED to approve the Reserves Policy.

## 23/11. FINANCIAL

### (i) Payment of Accounts

RESOLVED that the accounts, as shown below, be duly authorised for payment. Cllr I Hunt did not participate in this item or vote due to his declared interest. (Minute ref: 23/2)

In response to query from Cllr B O'Neill, it was confirmed that Herts County Council had undertaken the work on the tree trunks in Church Lane as the responsible body for these trees. In addition, it was clarified that the need for the pavement to be dug out from Bromley Lane towards Little Hadham had been reported to Cllr I Devonshire (EHC), including photos, for investigation.

### **PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS - JANUARY 2023**

Ref	Payable to	For	Amount
OP204	Alexander Machinery Limited	Tree works (£1,095 + VAT) + BA Holly tree at St Andrew's Burial Ground (£190 + VAT)	1,542.00
OP205	MH Sports Association	Pavilion water	35.00
OP206	I Hunt	Reimburse for Planning magazine subscription	440.00
OP207	Npower	Lighting for war memorial	35.55
OP208	MH Village Hall	D Billson - Pavilion cleaning (Dec)	80.00
SO	M Windmill	Litter Agency (Jan)	334.00
OP209	FM Forth	Clerk's salary (Jan)	781.04
Total payments			<b>3,247.59</b>

Payments will be authorised online following the meeting by Cllr S Smith and Cllr K Twort.

### (ii) Financial Statement

The financial statement for 2022/23 to date was received. The summary financial position is as below and comparison to the annual budget is attached at Appendix A.

The Clerk highlighted a presentational change on the first page of the financial statement. In line with the new Reserves Policy, additional clarity has been provided to show the general fund balance available to the Parish Council. During the year, this balance will be higher

than the level of general fund balance set as part of the budget process due to the timing, mainly, of payments. At the conclusion of the financial year, the general fund balance should approximate to the balance set when the budget was approved.

In response to a question, the Clerk explained that the current level of spend against the budget was reasonable, particularly given the expenditure items where no spend is anticipated: £1,000 Grants and donations; £5,000 Capital – Playground equipment and £10,000 Revenue/Capital Projects (to be allocated).

## SUMMARY FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 10 JANUARY 2023

	Parish Council £	Burial Authority £	Total £
Opening balance - 1 April 2022	44,158.77	29,970.81	74,129.58
Income	68,356.56	7,810.00	76,166.56
Expenditure	- 41,951.73	- 3,701.09	- 45,652.82
Closing balance	<u>70,563.60</u>	<u>34,079.72</u>	<u>104,643.32</u>

### FUND BALANCES

Barclays Bank Business Reserve Account		47.46
Unity Trust Current Account	107,843.45	
Add: Outstanding deposits	-	
Less: Unpresented items	<u>-3,247.59</u>	104,595.86
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>		<u><b>104,643.32</b></u>

Earmarked Reserves are excluded from the Parish Council balance to identify the general balance available for the Parish Council:

Parish Council closing balance		70,563.60
<u>Earmarked Reserves:</u>		
(1) Section 106 receipts for sport or recreation	1,570.00	
(2) Open spaces	16,555.00	18,125.00
General balance available for Parish Council		<u><b>52,438.60</b></u>

Note: general balance not to fall below £30,000 unless due to cash flow, or in the case of unexpected events or emergencies.

(iii) Budget and precept 2023/24 and Forward Financial Plan

The budget report circulated with the agenda highlighted the changes made since the last meeting to the proposed 2023/24 budget, detailing the precept, and the Forward Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2027/28. In addition, the report included a schedule relating to earmarked reserves, in line with the requirements of the new Reserves Policy.

The Clerk highlighted that Parish Council could now demonstrate that it had spent all of its New Homes Bonus. However, there is no longer a pot of funds being held by East Herts Council to access for projects, and it was expected that 2022/23 was the last year that the Government would be paying bonuses to councils.

In response to a question, Cllr I Hunt confirmed that the proposed legal fees budget of £1,000 was simply to cover the cost of asking whether the Parish Council needs legal advice in relation to the Sports Association funding review which is in progress.

RESOLVED to approve the budget presented for 2023/24.

As the council tax base is now known, Cllr I Hunt reported that increasing the precept by £1,000 to £43,000 would increase the Band D equivalent council tax cost by 48p per annum. He concluded that an increase would make sense given current inflationary pressures.

RESOLVED to determine the precept at £43,000.

The Clerk referred to the schedule of the movements in earmarked reserves, which details the sums being used during the year to fund expenditure and sums that can be released back to the general balance. It was agreed to release the sums identified back to the general fund.

It was noted that the Forward Financial Plan covers the period 2023/24 to 2027/28.

RESOLVED to approve the Forward Financial Plan.

Note: the Forward Financial Plan, which includes the budget for 2023/24, is attached at Appendix B and the movement in earmarked reserves is attached at Appendix C.

23/12. PLANNING

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were received and the decisions taken were noted.

23/13. BURIAL AUTHORITY

The minutes of the Burial Authority meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022 were received and the decisions taken were noted.



23/14. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

However, Cllr B O'Neill queried whether the Parish Council would be organising any event to mark the King's Coronation later this year. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the February meeting.

23/15. CLERK'S INFORMATION

The Clerk reported that, on behalf of East Herts Council, a polling review notice had been included on the parish noticeboards. Following a Boundary Commission review, changes to boundaries would be taking effect for the election in May 2023. Consequently, East Herts Council are undertaking a review to ensure that polling districts align with the new boundaries, and that all electors are able to vote at a convenient and accessible polling place. The polling places for Much Hadham remain unchanged.

Comments on the draft proposals and/or any alternative suggestions for convenient and accessible polling place venues are welcomed. The deadline to comment is the 20<sup>th</sup> January. For further information, see East Herts Council's website, the link is:

<https://www.eastherts.gov.uk/elections-and-voting/polling-places-review>.

[Note – there is a link from the Parish Council's website to this page]

23/16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7:30 pm at the Much Hadham Village Hall.

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:54 pm.

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## YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### BUDGET TO ACTUAL COMPARISON AS AT 10 JANUARY 2023

(Parish Council only)	FULL YEAR	YEAR TO DATE	COMMENT
	2023	2023	
	BUDGET £	ACTUAL £	
<b>INCOME</b>			
Precept	42,000.00	42,000.00	
Litter Agency	4,275.00	4,884.58	
Pavilion income	9,660.00	4,804.00	FTKL ceased hire of Pavilion October 2022
Grant	300.00	300.64	
Other	60.00	7.06	
VAT reclaimed	5,000.00	16,360.28	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>61,295.00</b>	<b>68,356.56</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Staff costs	7,200.00	8,019.32	Budget excludes increase in hours and pay awards
PWLB loan repayment - Pavilion	5,387.46	5,387.46	
PWLB loan repayment - Parish lights	2,734.64	2,734.64	
Administration costs	2,960.00	2,361.77	
Insurance	2,650.00	1,337.13	
Audit fees	850.00	845.00	
General Data Protection Regulation compliance	35.00	35.00	
Election expenses	-	-	
Maintenance of open spaces	7,000.00	7,894.42	Tree work (£1,095) + part of noticeboard repairs (£1,000) funded from "Open Space" earmarked reserve
Litter Agency	4,008.00	3,340.00	
War memorial (lighting and maintenance)	805.00	845.76	
Pavilion	4,000.00	3,082.58	
Grants and donations (Section 137 expenditure)	1,000.00	-	
Sport and recreation grants (Section 106 funded)	-	-	
Neighbourhood Plan	-	1,245.38	
Capital - Playground equipment	5,000.00		
Capital - Defibrillator		2,440.00	
Revenue/Capital Projects (to be allocated)	10,000.00	-	
VAT	5,000.00	2,383.27	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>58,630.10</b>	<b>41,951.73</b>	

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## APPENDIX B

### FORWARD FINANCIAL PLAN 2023/24 TO 2027/28

ASSUMING PRECEPT INCREASES by £1,000 EACH YEAR  
INCOME - CAUTIOUS APPROACH.  
EXPENDITURE - 5% INFLATION FOR 2023/24 & 2%  
INFLATION FOR SUBSEQUENT YEARS + PAST SPEND OR  
KNOWN CHANGES

	2021/22 ACTUAL £	2022/23 EXPECTED £	2023/24 BUDGET £	2024/25 BUDGET £	2025/26 BUDGET £	2026/27 BUDGET £	2027/28 BUDGET £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>							
Precept	42,000.00	42,000.00	43,000.00	44,000.00	45,000.00	46,000.00	47,000.00
PWLB loan - Parish lights	25,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Litter Agency	4,272.66	4,884.58	-	-	-	-	-
Pavilion income	10,106.00	5,104.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Grant	277.50	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Burial fees (ring fenced to Burial Authority)	9,470.00	7,190.00	2,640.00	2,640.00	2,640.00	2,640.00	2,640.00
Other	2,775.35	60.00	60.00	195.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
VAT reclaimed	2,841.21	16,360.28	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	<b>96,742.72</b>	<b>75,898.86</b>	<b>51,300.00</b>	<b>52,435.00</b>	<b>53,300.00</b>	<b>54,300.00</b>	<b>55,300.00</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>							
Staff costs	7,165.56	9,581.40	9,844.00	10,040.00	10,240.00	10,445.00	10,655.00
PWLB loan repayment - Pavilion	5,387.46	5,387.46	5,387.46	5,387.46	5,387.46	5,387.46	5,387.46
PWLB loan repayment - Parish lights	-	2,734.64	2,734.64	2,734.64	2,734.64	2,734.64	2,734.64
Administration costs	2,469.64	3,530.00	3,015.00	3,075.00	3,135.00	3,200.00	3,260.00
Legal costs	-	-	1,000.00	-	-	-	-
Insurance	2,022.25	3,215.00	2,850.00	2,910.00	2,965.00	3,025.00	3,085.00
Audit fees	745.00	845.00	815.00	835.00	855.00	875.00	895.00
Maintenance of open spaces	8,838.56	10,065.00	7,500.00	7,650.00	7,800.00	7,955.00	8,115.00
Litter Agency	4,008.00	4,008.00	2,000.00	2,040.00	2,080.00	2,120.00	2,165.00
War memorial (lighting and maintenance)	690.49	945.00	1,085.00	1,105.00	1,130.00	1,150.00	1,175.00
Street lighting (energy and maintenance)	2,570.15	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pavilion (running expenses and maintenance)	4,899.38	5,025.00	5,550.00	5,660.00	5,775.00	5,890.00	6,010.00
Grants and donations (Section 137 expenditure)	900.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sport and recreation grants (Section 106 funded)	3,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Neighbourhood Plan	209.27	1,245.38	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue - Maintenance of Village sign	3,665.00	-	-	-	-	-	-

	2021/22 ACTUAL £	2022/23 EXPECTED £	2023/24 BUDGET £	2024/25 BUDGET £	2025/26 BUDGET £	2026/27 BUDGET £	2027/28 BUDGET £
Revenue - Maintenance of bus shelters	10,439.09	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital - Defibrillator	-	2,440.00	-	-	-	-	-
Capital - Playground equipment	5,578.53	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital - Roller shutter at Pavilion	1,760.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital - Parish street lights	43,516.67	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capital - Bollards at Moor Place Gate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revenue/Capital Projects (to be allocated)	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Burial ground (ring fenced to Burial Authority)	4,243.48	7,440.00	2,550.00	2,590.00	2,630.00	2,670.00	2,710.00
VAT	16,360.28	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	<b>128,468.81</b>	<b>67,461.88</b>	<b>55,331.10</b>	<b>55,027.10</b>	<b>55,732.10</b>	<b>56,452.10</b>	<b>57,192.10</b>
<b>SURPLUS/DEFICIT</b>	<b>- 31,726.09</b>	<b>8,436.98</b>	<b>- 4,031.10</b>	<b>- 2,592.10</b>	<b>- 2,432.10</b>	<b>- 2,152.10</b>	<b>- 1,892.10</b>
<b>BALANCE BOUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>105,855.67</b>	<b>74,129.58</b>	<b>82,566.56</b>	<b>78,535.46</b>	<b>75,943.36</b>	<b>73,511.26</b>	<b>71,359.16</b>
<b>Add SURPLUS/less DEFICIT</b>	<b>- 31,726.09</b>	<b>8,436.98</b>	<b>- 4,031.10</b>	<b>- 2,592.10</b>	<b>- 2,432.10</b>	<b>- 2,152.10</b>	<b>- 1,892.10</b>
<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>74,129.58</b>	<b>82,566.56</b>	<b>78,535.46</b>	<b>75,943.36</b>	<b>73,511.26</b>	<b>71,359.16</b>	<b>69,467.06</b>
<b>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD RELATES TO:</b>							
Parish Council	44,158.77	52,845.75	48,724.65	46,082.55	43,640.45	41,518.35	39,696.25
Burial Authority	29,970.81	29,720.81	29,810.81	29,860.81	29,870.81	29,840.81	29,770.81
	<b>74,129.58</b>	<b>82,566.56</b>	<b>78,535.46</b>	<b>75,943.36</b>	<b>73,511.26</b>	<b>71,359.16</b>	<b>69,467.06</b>
<b>Remember in relation to the Parish Council balance:</b>							
~ Section 106 monies	1,570.00	1,570.00	1,570.00	1,570.00	1,570.00	1,570.00	1,570.00
~ Open spaces	18,650.00	9,405.00	9,405.00	9,405.00	9,405.00	9,405.00	9,405.00
<b>LEAVING AVAILABLE FOR PARISH COUNCIL</b>	<b>23,938.77</b>	<b>41,870.75</b>	<b>37,749.65</b>	<b>35,107.55</b>	<b>32,665.45</b>	<b>30,543.35</b>	<b>28,721.25</b>
<b>Tax base</b>	<b>956.43</b>	<b>968.79</b>	<b>981.05</b>	<b>981.05</b>	<b>981.05</b>	<b>981.05</b>	<b>981.05</b>
<b>Band D equivalent</b>	<b>£43.91</b>	<b>£43.35</b>	<b>£43.83</b>	<b>£44.85</b>	<b>£45.87</b>	<b>£46.89</b>	<b>£47.91</b>
<b>Band D equivalent IF precept £42,000</b>			<b>£42.81</b>				

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APPENDIX C

## EARMARKED RESERVES

Earmarked reserve	Comments including purpose	Balance 31 Mar 22 £	Being used during 2022/23 £	Released back to the General Fund £	Balance carried forward to 2023/24 £
Section 106 monies for sport or recreation	Funds available to use for sport or recreation purposes. In the past sums have been used to support local sports clubs.	1,570.00	-	-	1,570.00
<b>Subtotal</b>		1,570.00	-	-	1,570.00
Open spaces - tree work	Unspent balances for tree maintenance work set aside from 2020/21 (£10,000) and 2021/22 (£5,000). In addition to these sums, the approved budgets for these years included £2,000 in each year for general tree maintenance and these general sums were used for tree maintenance work undertaken prior to 31 March 2022. The approved budget for 2022/23 stated that tree maintenance work in the current financial year would be funded from this reserve. Based on existing knowledge of the level of tree maintenance work in the last few years, this element of the earmarked reserve has been set too high therefore proposed that £5,000 is released back to the General Fund.	15,000.00	- 1,595.00	- 5,000.00	8,405.00
Open spaces - street furniture repairs	Noticeboards repaired during 2022/23 at a total cost of £1,540	1,000.00	- 1,000.00		-
Open spaces - signage	Unspent project balance for signage at the Recreation Ground.	1,000.00			1,000.00
Open spaces - litter bin replacements	Rubbish (2) and dog (1) bins purchased in 2021/22 for £920.68. A replacement dog bin purchased in the current financial year. Funds to be returned to the general balance.	1,000.00		- 1,000.00	-
Open spaces - Planters in Tower Hill phone box	Unspent project balance to place planters in the Tower Hill phone box. Phone box subsequently turned into a "book box" therefore funds to be returned to the general balance.	650.00		- 650.00	-
<b>Subtotal</b>		18,650.00	- 2,595.00	- 6,650.00	9,405.00
<b>Earmarked reserves total</b>		20,220.00	- 2,595.00	- 6,650.00	10,975.00