

BUDGET 2024/25 AND CIL REPORT

1. Preliminary consideration of the budget for 2024/25 was undertaken at the meeting on 9th November 2023. The draft revenue budget, approved at that meeting, is included in Table 1 below. Actual outturn expenditure continues to be less than the budget. The particular budget lines that usually underspend are Donations (500/0 in 2023/24), Minor Works Programme (1000/0) and Repairs and Maintenance (1000/310). We could reduce all of these budget lines to make the budget more closely aligned with the reality of what we normally spend.

2. Subject to consideration of the point made in para 1, budgeted expenditure for 2023/24 is approximately £5,600. The balance of the accounts at 31st March 2024 was just under £20,000. To that must be added the Precept for 2024/25 of £7,500. There is therefore, once again, a danger that the Parish Council will be building up its reserves. This cannot be justified if there are no plans for major expenditure.

3. There is, however, the uncertainty regarding possible expenditure on the speed limit assessment and the legal and signage costs associated with any reduction in speed limits on the C12. We were told that Bishopstone's share of the consultants costs of the assessment would be £362.50. However, Wiltshire subsequently extended the assessment to cover the length of the C12. It is not yet known whether the parish's contribution to the cost of the assessment is still required. If the bid for a reduced speed limit is successful the contribution to legal and signage costs could be in the range £3,000-£4,000. At this stage there is no alternative but to assume that these costs could be incurred. However, if they are not there will be a need either to find another major project to undertake this year (tree planting?) or to severely reduce the precept for next year, possibly to zero.

CIL Expenditure Return

4. During 2023/24 the Council received a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment in respect of the re-development of Sanclive in Chapel Lane. This amounted to £2,741.68. The CIL regulations state that the funds must be used: "to support the development of the local area by funding:

- (a) The provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure; or
- (b) Anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on an area."

The Parish Council is required to prepare and publish an annual report detailing CIL funds received and spent. These funds have to be spent within five years or returned to Wiltshire Council. The funds don't all have to be spent in any one year and can be carried over within the five year period. A table setting out a proposed CIL Report for 2023/24 is attached at Annex B. I consider that the expenditure items included (the bench and the defibrillator) meet the criteria set out above. A small amount (£92.00) will be carried over for spending in the current year.

Recommendations

5. Councillors are invited to:

- (i) Consider whether any adjustments need to be made to the budget for 2024/25 and then formally approve the budget.
- (ii) Suggest any additional projects that might be brought forward for this coming year.
- (iii) Approve the proposed CIL Report for 2023/24.

Mike Ash
April 2024

Table 1

BUDGET 2023/24 OUTTURN AND 2024/25 PROPOSED

Budget Heading	Budget 23/24	Expenditure 2023/24	Budget 2024/25
Hire of Village Hall	180	165	180
Insurance	740	688	690
Internal Audit	90	90	90
PCC Grant	550	550	800
SVSC Grant	350	350	350
WALC Subscription	270	268	270
Website Subscription	150	151	150
Donations	500		500
Minor Works Programme	1000	0	1000
Clerk's Expenses	100	68	100
Repairs and Maintenance	1000	310	1000
Contingency	500	0	500
Total	5,430	2,640	5,630

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Description (what you spend funds on i.e. playpark)	Amount	Date completed
New bench for Children's Play Area	£538.00	July 2023
Public Access Defibrillator	£2,112.00	February 2024
Total	£2,650.00	

Details of Balance carried forward

Total amount of CIL Received in the financial year/ reported year	£2,742.00
Total CIL amount spent	£2,650.00
Total CIL amount retained	£92.00