

Chiddingly Parish Council Half Year Financial Review (2018)

Aim

The aim of this report is to assess the financial position of Chiddingly Parish Council, comparing the expenditure during the first half of this financial year, to the budget that was set

Method

Chiddingly Parish Council uses Rialtas Business Solutions software (RBS) for their accounting purposes. Data has been extracted from RBS for this report.

Method: RBS > Management Accounts > Management reports > Receipts and Payments reports > Nominal Ledger > Ear Marked reserves > Cash and Investment reconciliation > Trial balance reports.

Time period

1st April 2018 to 30th September 2018.

Income

The parish council requested a precept of £38,138 from Wealden District Council (WDC) and this is paid to the parish council in two payments, both of which have now been received.

Other income

A total of £707 of other income has also been received into the parish council's account. This is from a grant from WDC, interest received on the bank account, the sale of the old Jubilee Field gates, and a donation from Weald Trail Race for the use of the Jubilee Field for parking.

Total Income

The total income during the first half of this financial year is **£39,005**.

Expenditure

During the first six months of this financial year the parish council has made payments totalling **£15,794**. Some of the payments are usual monthly expenditures (for example staff costs and internet presence), some are once a year payment (for example insurance and grant payments).

Overall all the payments made have been within budget, except for one cost code. This is for the Glebe Field as we had to pay the legal fees for the lease of the field to MOSAG for the new community orchard (£503).

Underspends

The parish council budgeted £700 for the repairs to the church clock, but these works were carried out by a kind parishioner instead.

The parish maintenance contract is paid once a year, and the invoice was not received until after 30th September, so is not showing within our expenditure at present.

At present the Clerk has not submitted her expenses for mileage or postage, so these cost codes are also showing as underspends – but will balance out before the year end.

Bank balances

Account name	Account balance as of 30.09.18
Barclays current account	£69,016.15
Barclays savings account	£17,177.42
Total	£86,193.57

Accounted for within the above balances, the parish council have the following Ear Marked Reserves

Ear Marked Reserve (EMR)	Amount
EMR Gratuity	£462.00
EMR Special Projects	£30,700.55
EMR Elections	£4,698.00
EMR Village Hall Grant	£4,000.00
Total	£39,860.55

Expected expenditure and bank balances/reserves

If we were to consider the expected expenditure for the second half of this financial year and the current ear marked reserves, we could anticipate having a general reserve of approximately £23,989.02 by the end of the year. The current guidance about the amount of general reserves that we should hold 6-12 months of the annual precept – and we would be just within this region, with the value of approximately 7 months' worth of precept.

- £38,138 is the full years precept.
- Minus £15,794 spent during first 6 months of 2018-2019
- Equals £22,344 left to spend during the remainder of this financial year.
- Bank balance is £86,193.57 (as of 30.09.18)
- Bank balance minus budgeted expenditure for rest of the year £22,344 leaves £63,849.57.
- Take off the Ear Marked Reserves £39,860.55
- Leaves a general reserve figure of £23989.02

Community Infrastructure Levy

The parish council has recently received **£17,599** in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

CIL is a levy raised on new development and the regulations affecting this came into force in April 2012. It allows local authorities to raise funds from developers undertaking new building projects in their area. The primary use of CIL is to gain financial contributions from development to help fund new or improved infrastructure required to support the growth identified in Wealden's Core Strategy, across the District to 2027. CIL will not be the sole funding source for all infrastructure necessary, but it will supplement other public sector revenue streams.

In addition, the government has decided that a 'meaningful proportion' of CIL monies collected should be passed to local neighbourhoods Town or Parish councils in the areas where development is happening, to spend on infrastructure projects to support new development in the local area. This money is top sliced from the CIL received and it is up to the local neighbourhoods, Town or Parish Councils to decide what the 'meaningful proportion' is spent on. In January 2013 it was announced that 25% of the CIL raised would be given to neighbourhoods with a Neighbourhood Plan and 15% to neighbourhoods without a Neighbourhood Plan.

The meaningful proportion can be spent on anything to help mitigate the impact the development has on the Town/ Parish. It is the decision of the Town/ Parish council where the money is spent. When WDC were asked if the funds could be used towards a project like the toilet refurbishment at the Village Hall, they said it could be.

The CIL funds are due to be discussed at November's parish council meeting.

Claudine Feltham

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

2nd November 2018