

## **Appendix 2**

### **COMMENTARY ON END OF YEAR FIGURES 23-24**

Allotments: Water rates are higher than budgeted. However, no fence and hedge maintenance has been carried out this year or plot clearance (rotovation and strimming), so overall the allotments are on budget.

Capital Expenditure – This is higher than budgeted due to the payment for the access path at the Village Hall falling within this financial year rather than last year. Other projects carried out during the year include: 2 x SIDs, new access path at the Recreation Ground and, of course, the roads projects. The roads projects and one of the SIDs was covered from CIL monies, with a contribution of £456 towards the second SID. All CIL monies have now been used.

Grants – Grants received in 2023-24 include £1148.70 CIL monies received in April 2023 plus £133 and £194.78 from EHDC towards green projects. We also received £1178.00 for two auto speedwatch cameras for the London Road from EHDC.

Grants awarded by Sheet PC amounted to £1743.00 and included the CAB (£250), The Hampshire Monday Group (£758), Royal British Legion (£50), Home Start Butser (£35), the Winter Warmer Café (£550) plus the Allotment Association (£100)

Millennium Field – The cost of hay cutting had not been budgeted for as it has previously been cut free of charge. Costs associated with the tree planting project had also not been budgeted.

Miscellaneous Overheads – Some costs were slightly higher than budgeted for and include:

Parish Clerk – tax refund - to be reclaimed from HMRC- (£660), bin collection – costs were higher due to the requirement for 2 collections per week during the summer 2023. The grass cutting contract is slightly higher than budgeted due to the inclusion of Mill Lane riverbank (previously cut by residents). Legal and Professional costs are higher due to the move to a new accounts package with Scribe (un-budgeted).

The Old Billiard Room – Un-budgeted costs relate to the planning application (bat surveys).

The Recreation Ground – The new entrance gate was unbudgeted (£785.00) and the tree and hedge maintenance costs were higher than budgeted (cutting back trees at the entrance). The new defibrillator for the Scout Hut was also unbudgeted.

Sheet Common – The work to cut back the Oak trees overhanging a residents' garden was more than budgeted, but a contribution towards the work was received from the resident to balance this.

The Village Hall – Income was up by just over £2,000 and in general costs were down from those budgeted.

The Village Green – Unbudgeted costs include the emergency tree work for the damaged Horse Chestnut (£7473)