

## **PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT**

### **Year Ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**2022/23:** In the last financial year the Parish Council had a budget of £32,700 and spent £25,055.61 on regular expenditure and an additional £60,281.78 on the new Rickinghall Skate Park. To meet the budget, the PC received £30,800 from Council Tax. It received a further £46,590 in grants and reclaimed VAT. The PC held £38,159 in earmarked funds, set aside for general reserves and special projects like the Rickinghall Skate Park. The PC also started the year with £28,352 in Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds, a tax on development which is intended to be used for infrastructure projects within the parish. It received a further £3,929 in CIL during the year and spent £13,067 on the Skate Park.

The Council continued to support local **Good Causes** including the Rickinghall Day Centre. It gave £800 to assist with the maintenance of the churchyards and £1,000 to assist Rickinghall Village Hall with the Jubilee events.

In addition to salaries, pensions and administration costs, there are several regular areas of expenditure. These include the **Street Lights**, which cost £786 for energy and maintenance this year.

The Council spent £2,043 on **Sweeping Pavements**, most of which is still covered by a grant from the District Council. The County Council is responsible for keeping **Footpaths** clear, but the PC paid £491 for extra path clearance during the summer months.

The Council paid £664 to the District Council to have **Dog and Litter Bins** emptied every two weeks.

Finally, the PC spent £2,403 on maintenance and improvement of **Village Assets** including Wherry Land, Northfield Wood and Low Meadow.

**2023/24:** This year the Parish Council has a budget of £33,950 and holds around £64,624 for general reserves and special projects. The latter includes Community Infrastructure Levy funds of £19,214.

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