

## Pett Parish Council Year End Financial Report 2020 -2021

### Fourth Quarter

Under the pandemic the fourth quarter continued quietly as a fourth lockdown was instituted. Total receipts were £1497.04 with the real income as opposed to refunds being £1,407 from the Parish Magazine adverts and an additional £30.00 from the allotments. Payments for the period summed £4,280.40 including vat: The council's regular running cost being £2,088, £895.63 for magazine printing cost, £450 for clearing round the allotments and £600 of donations. There is still the outstanding due for the allotment rental for £100. The cheque was not cashed and efforts were made to pay this electronically but the bank details are still awaited

### Year Financial Review

Total receipts for the year is £28,388.03.

The anticipated income was bolstered by the receipt of a £500 grant for Covid-19 towards support to Rye Mutual Aid and £290 additional allotments rental due to the pandemic increasing interest in allotments. The lockdown meant the magazine could not always be distributed and so not printed. Although this resulted in advertisers being given some free additional months of cover, the takings were still £200 greater than anticipated. The refund of costs for the clerk's mobile phone which is shared between Pett, Appledore and Iden fell after Christmas when a cheaper contract was negotiated.

Total gross payments for the year is £27,735.87.

Starting with the council running costs this was all as expected except that the clerk's printer died at the beginning of the year and a new one being shared by Pett Appledore and Iden PCs; payroll was higher as it included 6 months of the previous year; hall hire was almost zero at £31.25 as all meetings went virtual; training costs are low with the introduction of virtual training and finally there are no sundries.

The council still continued to look after village assets either maintaining them through appropriate contractors or granting funds to local groups.

Whilst some local groups fell silent others took the opportunity to move forward building works and the council assisted ARC and the Methodist Chapel/ post office with grants for £400 and £600 respectively. The council continued to support the cost of the graveyard with a £600 grant to the church. Additionally, £500 was donated to Rye Mutual for covid support however as already stated this was refunded by the newspaper Hastings Direct. But for that the council would have nearly donated a total £2500. The village hall loan grant continues with 6 monthly principal repayments of £600 plus interest. The loan repayments will end in December 2024.

The village maintenance contract cost for the year was much reduced with the weekly cut for the outfield on the recreation ground not being required as sporting activities ceased for most of the year. A noticeboard for the ground has been bought and was recently delivered. The over spend is covered in the budget for the ground and play area. Repairs were made to

some of the play/sports equipment outside the play area. The pavilion cesspit was only emptied once for the year thus reducing costs again. Following a request from the allotments some clearance work £450 has been carried out and the council is again considering tree works to the oak trees on the boundary with the village hall.

As at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 the bank balance stood at £31,538.50 (taking into consideration unrepresented amounts). In addition to outstanding invoice £100 the council holds within the current account the following ring fenced sums:

Noticeboard/information board military canal (£1,800.00)

Noticeboard/information board Wreck post (£1,000.00)

Pavilion works which will be used for the tennis court drainage (£2,100.00)

Community Infrastructure Levy (£2,506.14)

Money held back from drainage works on the recreation ground £600

Reserve 50% precept (£10,000.00)

Tennis Court Drainage (£3,000.00)

Leaving £10,532.36

The council accounts are looking very rosy but, just for the moment, it is useful to hold more money than usual as the £10,000 cost for the tennis court drainage renewal has to be paid out before the council can claim the Rother District Council grant of £5,000. Additionally the cost of the recent Housing Needs Survey will have to be paid before a grant from Rother Housing can be claimed.

#### Project Remember

Balance is £1,458.50. The only expenditure for the year has been the £60 to repaint the roll of honour in the Methodist Chapel.