

Pett Parish Council Second Quarter (July to September)  
Financial Report 2023-2024

Current Account

Total Receipts for the quarter were £12,624.16

The second half of the precept £11,500 was received. Iden and Beckley Parish Councils have paid their share of the clerk's mobile phone £54.16.

£1,045 was taken from advertising for the parish magazine and £25 in sales and subscriptions. Total magazine costs for the quarter is £781.29.

Total net of vat payments for the quarter summed £4,952.54

The running costs of the council are always a larger cost in any quarter, being £4,178.14 including, salary, training, room hire, audit, payroll, phone and office costs.

Payroll, salaries and mobile phone costs look as if they will stay within budget and office costs are now back on course. Hall hire charges are more than expected as a result of the high increase in fees charged by the hall which are most likely due to the large increase in electricity prices. Anticipated training costs are lower with some new councillors not having been able to attend training. Currently running costs as a whole will fall within expectations.

The parish council has already donated to local organisations, slightly more than budgeted and has further agree to donate £3,700 to the Marsham Brook Group for a hydrologist survey.

The next six monthly public loan repayment for the grant to the village hall will be in December for £675 and as stated earlier the magazine printing and delivery costs came to £781.29.

The play area has seen a long list of various minor works following the safety inspection completed by volunteers: Peter Felton and David Nicholls. The materials and a bag of woodchip cost £504.93. The pavilion foul waste has emptied only once this year in August.

The allotment water bill of £109.47 for the last 6 months was also paid. There was no unbudgeted spending so the contingency fund remains the same.

At the 30<sup>th</sup> September the bank balance stood at £47,284.60.

Within the bank balance stated above, the council holds the following ring fenced sums:

Noticeboard military canal	£2,800.00
Noticeboard Wreck post	£1,000.00
Community Infrastructure Levy	£7,584.91
Reserve 50% precept	£10,000.00

Projects under way

Bollards for Chick Hill either from CIL fund or general monies held	£4,000.00
Jubilee/Coronation Tree from the Contingency Fund	£450.00
Leaflet for Jubilee Way from the Contingency Fund	£50.00

Agreed donations

Poppy Appeal	£ 50.00
Marsham Brook Association (hydrology report)	£ 3,700.00

As the halfway mark for the financial year has passed, it would seem that the council will fall within its budget overall, leaving the council with around £12,000 after deducting the earmarked funds and completing the projects underway and 50% of the budget (being £11,500). There is also a chance that some funding may be obtained towards the bollards for Chick Hill.

With regard to the next year's budget, without the issue of taking on the public toilets in Pett Level, even with inflationary costs being seen currently, the parish council should be able to maintain its precept for next year. Obtaining quotes for next year's cost should help to double check the precept level. Discussions with Rother District Council regarding the public toilets are needed to be able to plan financially.

Project Remember - There has been no activity so the balance remains at £1,458.50