



UFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk's Report on 2021/22 Finances

Summary

The Council concluded the year with £29,214 in reserve (compared to £24,814 last year); £15,619 allocated to specific projects and £13,595 in general reserve. The majority of the allocated funds are committed to the Streetlight Upgrade Project (estimated costs £6,020)

Income

Total income for 2021/22 was £38,823, up from £27,362 the previous year. This was mainly due to a large Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment of £8,605, the sale of a small parcel of land (for £1,000) and two successful insurance claims for a fire in the Speed Indicator Device and vandalism to the Multi-Use Games Area fence, totalling £2,115.

Other income was steady with a small increase in the Precept (from £20,466 last year to £20,985 this) and slightly more VAT to reclaim.

Income from grants this year was marginally down on last (£2,559 compared to £3,352) but this can be contributed to projects being completed (after being delayed by the Covid-19 pandemic) where funds were awarded in previous years.

Expenditure

Expenditure was also up on last year, possibly due to projects delayed by the pandemic now concluding. The total expenditure for the Council was £34,450 (compared to £27,618 the previous year).

Our major project this year was the carving of the Redwood stump next to Redwood Terrace and eight magnificent smaller carvings of animals, from the trunk (£4,000). This project was awarded 'Highly Commended' by the ESC Quality of Place Awards and a plaque is displayed in the Community Hall.

Money was also spent on resurfacing the area under the Play Park Swings (£3,905), considerable work to trees in Parklands Wood (£1,425 paid to contractor), new Information and Notice boards at the Recreation Ground (£2,443), renewing the fence around the MUGA and Tennis Courts (£1,890) and a new Rough Grass Cutting machine to help clear the footpaths (£569).

Looking Forward to 2022/23

Our major project for 2022/23 will be the upgrade to the streetlights. Due to the delay in installing the new lamps, this year SCC honoured the price we would have paid for electricity, had the upgrade taken place and thus we are expecting costs to drop by 80%, a saving of around £800 per year.

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