

UFFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk's Report on 2023/24 Finances

Summary

The Council concluded the year with £32,390 in reserve (compared to £24,608 last year); £11,910 allocated to specific purposes, £8,651 restricted to Infrastructure projects and £11,829 in general reserve. The allocated funds are committed to future upgrades of the Play Equipment, refurbishment of the Recreation Ground car park, completion of the Street Light upgrade, and funds set aside in case of an Election. Out of the Restricted Reserves, £5,000 is currently allocated to refurbishing the Community Hall toilets.

<u>Income</u>

Total income for 2023/24 was £46,599, up from £46,101 the previous year. This was mainly due to a grant for the Neighbourhood Plan. Other income was steady with a small increase in the Precept (from £22,103 last year to £22,904 this) and higher CIL payments. There was also welcome income from the Clothes Bank at the Recreation Ground.

Income from other grants this year was slightly down on last (£8,509 compared to £10,907) but this can be contributed to a large proportion of the Councils focus being on the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Expenditure

Expenditure was down on last year, mainly due to the Streetlight Upgrade. The total expenditure for the Council was £38,816 (compared to £50,706 the previous year).

Our major project this year has been the Neighbourhood Plan. It is approximately three quarters of the way through and we hope to be able to request a Locality Grant for the remaining costs.

Looking Forward to 2024/25

Our major project for 2024/25 will be the conclusion of the Neighbourhood Plan. Unspent grant moneys form 2023/24 will be sent back to Locality but as soon as the funding for 2024/25 opens again, a request will be submitted.

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