

HANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23 - PUBLISHED JUNE 2023

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Chairman's Report

I would like to thank all the current members for stepping up to be councillors who work on a voluntary basis, giving their valuable time for the improvement of the village. Councillor Debbie Jackson stood down last year due to moving out of the village, her support was very much appreciated. We welcome Laura Wood and Daryl Basford as new councillors.

As always, a massive thank you to Julie Friell our Clerk for all her endless hard work and commitment at all times helping the Parish Council and all councillors. Her organisational skills, patience and bottomless pit of knowledge are second to none ensuring the Parish Council works effectively and efficiently and we would struggle to exist without her input and guidance on rules and regulations. Words do not remotely cover what she does for the Council in this Village.

We have received £9,777 of CIL monies in the year. With the previous CIL funds the Parish Council have purchased a defibrillator, sufficient volunteers have now come forward to establish a VETS delivery system. With regards the £9,777 we have a five year time limit to spend these funds, the Parish Council will discuss any options to use these funds, there are limitations but need to be for the better of the village.

Huge thanks to West Northants Councillor Mr Michael Warren. Although we do not see the West Northants Councillors regularly at our month meetings, he has been a huge support with some planning applications we have asked for assistance with.

A thank you to Kate Wilson, our consistent Footpath Warden who continues to monitor our walk routes connected to the village. Ian Wilson continues to work hard keeping the never-ending weeds at Mallards Wood at bay and the allotment bank being kept in order. Our thanks go to both him and his wife, Kate, who devote a huge amount of time to the village.

Thanks also to Graham Martin who keeps an eye on the telephone box and bus shelter to ensure they are looked after.

Although I have not attended last year's meetings in person due to ill health, I have ensured I have kept myself up to speed with all the emails and correspondence. Thank you, Julie, for keeping me in the loop, it is appreciated. I am hoping to return very soon.

The Parish Councillors and Clerk continue to give their time to represent their village as best they can and it is very much appreciated and long may it continue.

Financial Report

The 2022/23 accounts were approved by the Parish Council at its' meeting on 1 May 2023. The Internal Audit was carried out on 28 April and any comments/findings will be reported at the June meeting. Section 9 of the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 permits authorities with either income or expenditure under £25,000 to certify itself as exempt from having a limited assurance review or to submit an Annual Governance and Accountability Return to the external auditor. A copy of the Annual Internal Audit Report, Annual Governance Statement, unaudited Annual Accounting Statements, an analysis of variances and the bank reconciliation will appear alongside the "Period for the Exercise of Public Rights" notice from 5 June, on the notice board, for a period of 30 working days and will end on 14 July 2023, together with a summary of Electors Rights and will be available on the web site.

The bank account balance at 31 March 2023 was £22,171.06 split between general £11,955.21 (including allotment deposits) and CIL £10,215.85.

The general fund has increased by £1,640.21 over the previous year and £100 now being held as Refundable Allotment deposits. This figure still falls within the best practise parameters of between 1 and 1.5 times the level of the precept - it is essential that it is maintained at this level for any future contingencies.

2022/23 saw actual expenditure (excluding CIL amounts) of £9,506 against a budget of £9,827 – the precept being £10,000. Income received in addition to the precept totalled £10,923 - £9,777 from West Northants Council under the Community Infrastructure Levy scheme- DA/2018/1134 – former Henry's of Hannington site (an additional amount to that received in 2022). This money has to be

spent on local infrastructure projects, within a period of five years, £430 Allotment rent and two years VAT refunds - £717. Monies were spent on the Clerk's salary (£3,894), grass cutting (£2,825), insurance £892 and a grant to the Village Hall (£300). CIL monies - £2,820 of the available funds have been used to purchase a defibrillator – this included installation, training and setting up the VETS system. A copy of the accounts will be included in the Annual Report that will be distributed with the June edition of Hannington Life.

The Parish Council has precepted £10,500 from West Northants Council for 2023/24. This represents a 5.0% increase – to maintain the level of reserves in accordance with best practice.

**HANNINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS SUMMARY YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

| 2022 | 2022 | | 2023 | 2023 |
|------------|------------|--|------------|------------|
| | 9,500.00 | PRECEPT | | 10,000.00 |
| | 506.51 | OTHER INCOME | | 1,146.59 |
| | 3258.96 | COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY MONIES | | 9,776.89 |
| | £13,265.47 | TOTAL INCOME | | £20,923.48 |
| | | | | |
| 170.50 | | HIRE OF VILLAGE HALL | 162.00 | |
| 332.54 | | E.ON – ELECTRICITY SUPPLY/MAINT | 422.69 | |
| 0.00 | | DEFIBRILLATOR – incl install/set up/training/vat | 2,820.00 | |
| 3,818.73 | | CLERK'S SALARY | 3,893.89 | |
| 545.89 | | ADMIN EXPENSES | 463.18 | |
| 0.00 | | TRAINING | 0.00 | |
| 746.28 | | INSURANCE PREMIUM | 891.65 | |
| 185.00 | | INTERNAL & EXTERNAL AUDIT | 228.00 | |
| 2,676.00 | | GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT | 2,824.64 | |
| 900.00 | | GRANTS – PCC & VILLAGE HALL | 300.00 | |
| 40.00 | | ALLOTMENTS | 0.00 | |
| 65.99 | | VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGN | 0.00 | |
| 0.00 | | WWI MEMORIAL BENCH | 0.00 | |
| 234.54 | | SUBSCRIPTIONS | 273.33 | |
| 135.00 | | OTHER | 47.00 | |
| | £9,850.47 | TOTAL PAYMENTS | | £12,326.38 |
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| | £3,415.00 | NET RECEIPT FOR THE YEAR | | £8,597.10 |
| | | | | |
| £10,158.96 | | BANK BALANCE AT 1 APRIL 2021 | | £13,573.96 |
| £3,415.00 | | NET RECEIPT/(PAYMENT) AS ABOVE | | £8,597.10 |
| £13,573.96 | | BANK BALANCE AT 31 MARCH 2022 | | £22,171.06 |
| | | SPLIT AS FOLLOWS: | | |
| | £10,215.00 | GENERAL FUND BANK ACCOUNT | £11,855.21 | |
| | £100.00 | GENERAL – REFUNDABLE ALLOTMENT DEPOSITS | £100.00 | |
| | £3,258.96 | CIL MONIES | £10,215.85 | |

The Parish Council held the following Community Assets valued at original purchase cost or best guesstimate at 31 March 2023.

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| Street Lights/waste bins | 3,850 | Benches | 307 |
| Bus Shelter | 250 | Tools | 659 |
| Gates/fences | 1,350 | Seat | 350 |
| Information & notice board | 1,197 | Colour Printer Lexmark CS317 | 80 |
| Vehicle Activated Sign | 2,705 | BT Telephone Kiosk | 1 |
| Brackets VAS | 160 | Base for village sign | 452 |
| Gated entrance | 650 | Data Collection Unit | 350 |
| Allotments – nominal value | 1 | Recreation land – nominal value | 1 |
| Pocket Park – nominal value | 1 | Village Sign – nominal value | 1 |
| Street Light – Limes Trees Close | 1 | WWI Memorial Bench (excl VAT) | 300 |
| 12* LED lantern units | 3,180 | Defibrillator | 1,855 |
| | | TOTAL COST | £17,701 |