# **Kingston Parish Council (KPC)**

# Minutes of Meeting Held at 7.30pm on 12th March 2024

#### **Present**

Sue Dalgleish (SD) (Chair)
Miki Ellar (ME) (Parish Councillor)
Paul Wheeler (PW) (Parish Councillor)
Tumi Hawkins (TH) (District Councillor)
Members of the Public:
Martin Jackson (MJ)
Mr & Mrs Venn (Mr & Mrs V)

Julie Conder (JC) (*Vice-Chair*)
Mark Nicholls (MN) (*Parish Councillor*)
Rachel Marsh (RM) (*Parish Clerk*)
Michael Atkins (MA) (*County Councillor*)

Mr & Mrs O'Donnell (Mr & Mrs O) Tracey Robinson (TR)

Meeting commenced at 7.30pm

# 1 Apologies

None

2 Approval of Previous Minutes of Parish Council Meetings
Minutes from meetings on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> January were approved and signed by SD.

# 3 County Councillor's Report See Appendix A

- 3.1 MA reminded the Council that the application for funding towards a 20mph zone in the village has reopened.
- 3.2 Free school meal recipients should receive a voucher for 16 hours of access to Holiday Activities and Food Schemes from 2<sup>nd</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> April.

# 4 District Councillor's Report See Appendix B

- 4.1 TM mentioned that the precept has increased for band D residents in S Cambs.
- 4.2 150,000 New homes have been suggested for Cambridgeshire but the planning timetable has been delayed because of recent water supply considerations in various areas.
- 4.3 South Cambs expenses are close to budget for this year but considered to be generally in a good financial position.

# **Matters Ongoing**

#### 5 Cranes Lane

SD informed the meeting that there had been many letters and emails from residents in Cranes Lane complaining about the potholes, which are causing a danger of damage to cars. MA apologised for the delay in fixing the holes but said that the Local Highways had recognised the need for urgent intervention and work was due to commence in 1-2 weeks. PW advised

- some potholes had been marked but rain had washed the paint away
- broken pipes and manholes are the Local Highways' responsibility
- he had not heard back from a report he made in October

MA will chase the local officer and recommended applying for resurfacing of Cranes Lane after the planned work has been undertaken.

Mr V said that the drains were blocked at the top of Cranes Lane.

TR had spoken to the contractors when they were marking the potholes who told her that work on small holes would be commence in 2-3 weeks but it would be longer for

the larger holes. It was also stated that the request for resurfacing of the whole road was turned down last year.

Mr O reported that many holes repaired last year had opened up again. PW reminded MA that the grit box had not been replenished since December.

One email received suggested that residents should use their drives for parking where they were able. Whilst the Council thought that would help the situation it wasn't possible to enforce this as Cranes Lane is a public highway.

Action: PW will request that the Lane is resurfaced after the scheduled work has been completed.

# 6 Flooding/Surface Water

- 6.1 PW has received a quote from Agriplant of £250.00 + VAT, for ditch clearing. All the Councillors approved the quote.
  - Action: RM will request a pro forma invoice and a commencement date for the work.
- 6.2 Mr Crawshaw had previously offered financial help with ditch clearing close to his property as detailed in a past letter stored in Ely archives.
  - Action: SD will write to his son, Aiden Crawshaw.

# 7 Village Grass Cutting and Weed Maintenance SD

- 7.1 Buchans have advised that their costs for 2024-25 will be as 2023-24 with a 3.5% increase. The Councillors agreed to accept the cost.
- 7.2 MW has cleared the footpath by the bridge on the B1046.

## 8 Village Hall Carpark Ownership

The matter is ongoing. Action: MN will look into Land Registry documents

#### 9 Kingston Play Park – Repairs and Grant Funding (SD/PW)

- 9.1 There should be news, towards the end of April, regarding the grant application for funding submitted by PW.
- 9.2 SD has prepared the area under the swings and sown grass seed but with continuing rain it is thought this may not take and laying turf may have to be considered.
- 9.3 SD also reported that wood work will need creosoting and the goal posts painting later this year.

## 10 Phone Box

PW is planning to fix the new signage after Easter.

## 11 Speed Limits in Kingston (PW)

PW has resubmitted the application for a 20mph speed limit in Kingston and hopes to hear the outcome by the end of April.

#### 12 Open Spaces (MN)

MN reported that the self-seeded sycamore has been removed and the plum tree pruned.

MN has tidied the area in the Sweards and nothing is blocking the brook.

MN has visited Ely and looked at archived documents for the area. Further documents can be archived in Ely and all agreed this was a secure way of storing data.

# 13 No. 18 Bus Service (JC)

There have been no further problems reported.

# **Matters Arising**

# 14 Opus Energy Account (SD)

SD advised that the final invoice has been received from Opus Energy and the new direct debit form has been submitted for ESPO.

# 15 Financial Regulations and Standing Orders (SD/JC)

KPC was advised to update both our financial regulation and standing order documents following last year's audit. These documents have been compiled using the NALC templates. KPC unanimously voted to adopt these new Financial Regulations and Standing Order documents.

The council also discussed its responsibilities on long term record keeping - research will be carried out to ascertain the length of time each category of records is required to be kept before they are safely destroyed.

Action: MN will investigate.

# 16 Defibrillator Batteries (SD)

The new batteries have been purchased but not fitted as yet.

PW noted that the defibrillator was purchased 11/03/2019 and that a red light flashes when it needs attention. Peter Stokes kindly emailed a check list for the machine.

Action: PW will produce an instruction sheet.

Peter Stokes will organise 3 training dates and ME will enter the dates into the parish magazine.

RM to change the contact address to receive future correspondence.

# 17 Orchard Tea Party 15th June (SD/ME)

James Clear has agreed for his field to be used for games of rounders and a tug of war. The church will be organising a teddy bear parachute drop.

SD suggested that there could be a table for the repotting of saplings grown by local children, previously organised by James and Fanny, prior to replanting them on James's land if needed.

Action: SD will - Look into the cost of small plaques for the saplings

- Ask Peter Stokes about borrowing gazebos
- Ask the Church Committee about help with the cream teas

ME will - Contact the Village Hall Committee for access to the toilets.

## 18 Planning Application 24/00487/HFUL at Kingston Barns

MJ advised that the planning application is for a single storey lounge extension 4m x 4m to Barn 8. The exterior materials will match the existing building except that the shallow pyramid roof will have lead cladding.

MJ left the room while the Councillors discussed the application. There has been no correspondence from any neighbours and all agreed that they would neither approve or object to the application.

SD informed MJ of KPC's decision not to comment on the application and MJ left the meeting.

# 19 Invoices Paid and for Approval

| Company                  | Service                             | Date Paid    | Amount | Paid by: |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------|----------|
| R Marsh                  | Clerk Salary                        | 31 Jan 24    | 199.08 | В/Р      |
| HMRC                     | Clerk Income Tax R Marsh            | 31 Jan 24    | 49.60  | В/Р      |
| Turtle Engineering       | Defibrillator Battery               | 5 Feb 24     | 239.99 | В/Р      |
| CAPALC                   | Training Fee                        | 12 Feb 24    | 250.00 | В/Р      |
| Kingston PCC             | 2023 Churchyard<br>Maintenance Bill | 12 Feb<br>24 | 850.00 | В/Р      |
| Kingston PCC             | 2023 Parish Magazine                | 12 Feb 24    | 670.43 | В/Р      |
| Opus energy              | Street Lighting                     | 26 Feb 24    | 24.78  | D/D      |
| R Marsh                  | Clerk Salary                        | Feb 24       | 198.88 | B/P      |
| HMRC                     | Clerk Income Tax R Marsh            | Feb 24       | 49.80  | В/Р      |
| Kingston VH<br>Committee | Village Hall hire                   | 6 March 24   | 168.00 | В/Р      |

All agreed for payment.

# 20 Bi-monthly Report (JC) See Appendix C

JC reported that the finances were on budget with a small surplus.

# 21 Items for next meeting to be held on 14.05.24

Continuation of items covered in this meeting.

#### 22 A.O.B

- 22.1 JC advised that Village Hall policy documents are now on the Kingston village website.
- 22.2 Following an accident on the B1046, the signpost that was damaged has not been replaced a reminder will be sent to the council to request urgent action. The possibility of erecting 40mph speed limit signs along this section of the B1046 was discussed again at the meeting. It is hoped that an application can be made to the county council for support as each road sign costs £300 to erect. If the application to the Local Highways Initiative is successful then KPC would only be liable for 10 per cent of the costs of signage. Before submitting an application, SD will contact the local parish councils of Toft, Highfields-Caldecote, Bourn and Longstowe who also have responsibility for the road in their parishes to enquire if they have any current plans/applications ongoing at the current time.
- 22.3 A tree in the orchard requires attention. Action: MN will obtain a quote.
- 22.4 RM has been approached by Angela Stibbs (AS) who is now the local Village

| Agent, with a view to promoting community hubs in the area.  Action: RM will ask AS to place a leaflet in the bus shelter and produce an article for the parish magazine. |
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| The meeting finished at 10:10pm.  |
| Minutes reference: 20241203   |
| Signed:   |
| Date:   |

# Report: County Councillor (Hardwick div.) District Councillor (Harston & Comberton) Cllr Michael Atkins March 2024

# **Highlights**

- A14 flooding
- Holiday Activity and Food programme Easter bookings open
- District Council Budget
- Cambridge 2040/2050
- Contact information

# News from the County

# A14 flooding

Residents may be aware of significant flooding on the A14 between Junctions 37 (Newmarket) and 38 (Red Lodge). National Highways are continuing to pump water off the road (12m litres so far), but will need to carry out additional resilience works, requiring night closures and/or day lane closures, alongside temporary speed restrictions over the next few weeks. Please allow extra time for any journeys and obey any speed restrictions as they will be actively monitored.

#### Shire Hall back on the market

Bids are invited for the lease or purchase of part of the Shire Hall site in Cambridge, after the previous preferred bidder was unable to continue their interest. Shire Hall had been the County Council's headquarters since the 1930s, but the site itself was the seat of government in Cambridge for over a thousand years. Previously the site of two medieval castles, the building was the county council's administrative centre from its completion in 1933 until 2022, when the council relocated to Alconbury as part of its planned savings programme. Interest bidders should consult: https://propertylink.estatesgazette.com/property-details/6943307-shire-hall-site-castle-street-cb3

# Further changes in Council composition

We are awaiting the by-election in Yaxley; in the meantime, Cllr Prentice has moved from the Conservatives to join the Independent Group which is part of the Joint Administration.

# Holiday Activities and Food Easter programme

Children who are normally eligible for free school meals should have received a voucher for 16 hrs of access to HAF schemes from 2-12<sup>th</sup> April. Bookings are now open so please make sure that you take full advantage of local options. This is an excellent scheme to support families who may be struggling (or close to struggling) so do publicise it.

# 20mph zone funding deadline this month (repeat)

The 2024/25 round of funding for 20mph zones has now opened, both for new and resubmitted applications. The deadline for submissions is 5pm on 15<sup>th</sup> March. The website has been updated with

the latest details and advice here: <a href="https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-the-local-highway/20mph-funding">https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/travel-roads-and-parking/roads-and-pathways/improving-the-local-highway/20mph-funding</a>

# News from GCP & Combined Authority

# News from the District

# **Budget**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> February the Council approved the administration's budget and business plan for the 2024/25 period.

The Council remains on a secure financial footing in the short-term, however if the much delayed Fair Funding Review is completed by central Government the Council would lose most of its business rates income and would likely be facing significant deficits. To help mitigate this possibility Council Tax for the District will rise by £5 for a typical Band D home i.e. about a 3% increase. Thanks to our strong commercial and investment income, the Council remains one of the lowest taxing authorities in the UK.

In the meantime we will continue to support services where these are valued by residents, including activities such as grant making (see below) which have disappeared from many localities across the country.

# Council hands out over £500,000 in grants in 2023

South Cambridgeshire communities benefited from grants totalling over £500,000 from the District Council last year (2023). This funding was awarded through nine grant schemes with various focus areas such as promoting community well-being, environmental sustainability, and inclusive participation.

# Cambridge 2040/2050

We are awaiting further details on Mr Gove's ambition to transform Cambridge and South Cambridgeshire into the UK's Silicon Valley, including 250,000 new homes. Given that the Environment Agency has paused our much more limited proposed developments until the looming crisis in water supplies is resolved (by the utility companies), there are clearly a number of issues to be considered before this scheme can be considered practical.

# **Contact Details**

Councillors and residents are welcome to contact me on any issue which is concerning them:

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# South Cambridgeshire District Council - Caldecote Ward

(comprises the Parishes of Caldecote, Childerley, Kingston, Bourn, Longstowe & Little Gransden)

# Councillor's Monthly Report - March 2024

This report of previous month events is for all the Ward, so please be aware that some of the content may not be relevant to your particular Parish.

## General

Please contact me with comments, questions, requests for assistance, reports, suggestions or complaints to do with SCDC services. These are housing need, housing repairs for council tenants, planning, benefits, council tax, bin collection, environmental health issues etc. Don't fight on your own. I am available to help you to get the best outcome possible for your situation.

Check out articles on my facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi">https://www.facebook.com/itsCouncillorTumi</a> and my blog <a href="https://www.TumiHawkins.org.uk">https://www.TumiHawkins.org.uk</a>. What I post on there is my view and not LibDem or South Cambs official policy unless I state that it is.

# **Green Business Impact Programme**

The <u>Green Business Impact Programme</u> can help local SMEs create a practical plan to deliver on Environmental Social and Governance (ESG) targets. More details available at <a href="https://futurebusinesscentre.co.uk/programmes/green-business-programme/">https://futurebusinesscentre.co.uk/programmes/green-business-programme/</a>. This is through free tailored advice from environmental experts from <a href="https://pecc.programme/">PECT</a> and Allia. I strongly encourage businesses looking to reduce their carbon footprint to apply. Any questions about the scheme please contact the Business Support Team on <a href="https://open-business@scambs.gov.uk">Open-business@scambs.gov.uk</a>

# **Planning Updates**

## Cambridge 2040 and Development Corporation proposals

Michael Gove is still not talking to the Local Government leaders in the area about his plans, still just announcing what he wants to do. This happened again last week, through the Chancellor Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt in his budget speech announcing the Government was committed to a Dev Corporation, and that "£10m to be invested in Cambridge to unlock delivery of crucial local transport and health infrastructure".

On the same day, DLUHC published "The Case for Cambridge" which gave a broad helicopter view of the Government ambitions without any details. Well, let's wait and see if the promised money comes to fruition. Its all in the details. <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-case-for-cambridge">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-case-for-cambridge</a>

# Adopted Local Plan -v- Water Supply Challenge

The Environment Agency concerns about the impact of water abstraction levels on the aquifers has led to them objecting to 3 major sites in the current South Cambs adopted local plan 2018 (Bourn Airfield, Cambridge West & Waterbeach). We had previously made clear to DLUHC and asked for Government help to resolve so we could deliver the adopted local plan. But realising his ambition could not be delivered without a solution, after the Gove announcement of wanting to build **150,000 PLUS** houses in the Cambridge Area, he set up the Cambridge Water Scarcity Group to address this water problem. The main work for now seems to be reducing demand and consumption and bringing forward supply options such as the proposed new Fens Reservoir.

The update is at <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/addressing-water-scarcity-in-greater-cambridge-update-on-government-measures/addressing-water-scarcity-in-greater-cambridge-update-on-government-measures">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/addressing-water-scarcity-in-greater-cambridge-update-on-government-measures</a>

# Also the Case for Cambridge issued last week by Government states

The government will:

- Deliver a unique offsetting intervention to save water now through improving efficiency and support sustainable growth – set out in detail in a paper published alongside this document.
- Issue a joint statement from the Environment Agency, Greater Cambridge Shared Planning, DLUHC and Defra, outlining our commitment to sustainable growth and development on the basis of our water credits scheme.
- Appoint Dr Paul Leinster to chair the Water Scarcity Group to advise the government on future water resource options, including the reservoir in the Fens and the Grafham Water pipeline.

So hopefully that means we will be able to go ahead and issue the decision notices for these sites and get on with the delivery of much needed homes.

## New national plan making system

The government is making changes to how local plans are created-the main points being that the formal stages should be completed within 30 months (that is 2.5 years). The LPAs that want to adopt their plans under current system must submit for inspection by end of June 2025! As it is, due to previous points above, we are not in a position to meet that timeframe. So looks like we will be preparing our plans under the new regime. The indicative timeframe is shown in the diagram on page 8

## **Greater Cambridge Design and Construction awards 2023**

The annual awards scheme to celebrate Greater Cambridge's building design and construction industries received many submissions in South Cambs. Our ward has cause to celebrate that Bourn Windmill won an award for Craftsmanship. <a href="https://www.cfci.org.uk/awards/awards-winners/2024-3/bourn-windmill-2/">https://www.cfci.org.uk/awards/awards-winners/2024-3/bourn-windmill-2/</a>.

It also was highly commended in the Best conservation/ adaption under £2m category. Well done to CPPF and the volunteers who carried out the work.

#### **Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)**

The SCI describes how residents, businesses and interest groups can get involved in the planning application process, local plan policy creation and neighbourhood planning that helps to shape how our area develops. All councils must have one and review it at least every 5 years. Though we didn't have to, the Planning Service went out to public consultation late last year on the revised SCI, and used the feedback to update the relevant parts of the process.

We encourage applicants to engage with the planning service and the local community early in the process before submitting an application. By engaging early, and getting community involvement, issues that come up can then be addressed so the application submitted aligns with the local plan policies and NPPF presumption in favour of sustainable development, unless any adverse impacts of doing so would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits. It also helps with the smoother process of submitting a valid application that will go through more smoothly and quickly.

The revised SCI was adopted at full cabinet this week and can be found on this link. <a href="https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s134730/Appendix%202%20-%20Greater%20Cambridge%20SCI%20March%202024.pdf">https://scambs.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s134730/Appendix%202%20-%20Greater%20Cambridge%20SCI%20March%202024.pdf</a>

I highly recommend everyone from residents to parish/town councils, applicants to agents to developers to read it so that we can all work together to make the planning process go even more efficiently, collaboratively and speedily as we create great places to live, work, study and play

# Finance and Council Tax

All the local authorities have now met and agreed their Budgets for the forthcoming financial year. South Cambridgeshire District Council will increase its precept by £5 for the average band D home, equivalent to a below inflation rise of around 3%. In addition, £519,000 has been agreed as part of the council's continued Digital Transformation work which aims to make services even more accessible to residents in a way that works for you. The rise sees the average band D home charge £170.31 per year. This is an increase of around 10p per week. This rise continues to maintain the Council's position in the lowest 25% of taxing District Councils in the country.

Unlike many other councils, SCDC is on a sound financial footing. Well targeted commercial investments bring in around £7M per year, which mitigates the huge cut in Government support that all councils have endured in recent years. If it were not for the threat of the Government's Fair Funding Review, which threatens to strip district councils of business tax revenue and give it to bigger, unitary councils, SCDC would have a projected surplus all the way to 2029 (and few councils can say that).

The Council Tax relief threshold has been increased in line with inflation so that people on the lowest incomes can continue to claim. SCDC is one of the few councils offering up to 100% relief for those residents in most need.

To maintain the council's housing stock to a high standard, and to build more council houses, council rents are being raised by 7.7 per cent.

CCC agreed a Council Tax rise of 4.99% (which includes 2% for Adult Social Services) – raising £17.5m of local income to help maintain and protect critical services for the most vulnerable communities. For the majority of our residents in Band A-D properties that will mean between an extra 99 pence to £1.48 a week.

Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service plans to increase its share of council tax by 2.99% from April 2024. For a Band D property this is an annual increase of £2.34, totalling £82.26 per year or £1.58 a week. However, a combination of financial and crewing pressures means the service has had to consult on a proposal that aims to increase the number of fire engines we have available at weekends in daytime hours but potentially closing Fire Stations at Sutton, Manea and Kimbolton.

The Police & Crime Commissioner's suggested 4.8% increase to the policing element of the council tax will go ahead after Police and Crime Panel members backed the plans during a meeting at the end of January. This equates to an extra 17p per week for Band A property and 25p a week for the average Band D household (£13 per year); and the Commissioner warned that without the additional income, it would be impossible to protect policing services at their current levels and maintain the performance improvements delivered by the force over the past 12 months.

Lastly, the Mayoral Combined Authority Mayoral agreed an annual precept of £36 a year for a Band D property which equates to £3 per month per household, which will be invested in improvements to dozens of bus routes, including new routes, more frequent services on some existing routes across the region and three demand responsive transport schemes. We shall see

# **Community Chest Grants**

At a time when many other councils are axing all of their community grants South Cambs continues to award up to £2000 to community groups in the district. Recent awards have been made to a scout group, a pre-school and for a nature recovery plan. Applications are really simple so please do apply using the website if you have a good idea

#### Governance/HR

## 4-Day Week (4DW) Trial and Best Value Notice

SCDC was shortlisted as a finalist in the Public Sector Transformation Awards 2024 in the Efficiency and Effectiveness category for the four-day week trial. The category is described as looking for an organisation that has "harnessed the real potential in their organisation, delivering elevated performance, creating efficiencies, and delivering outstanding customer service with improved value to their residents. Above all, this organisation has shown its ability to adapt to a fast-paced and ever-changing environment, while achieving fantastic results in doing so." We were in the final along with Swindon Borough Council (first) and Kent Police (second). We came third, winning bronze.

South Cambs trial of the 4 Day Week working model comes to an end at the end of March. A paper went to the Employment and Staffing Committee recommending the 4 Day Week continues until all of the data collected over the past 12 months has been independently analysed and there is clarity from central government regarding their threats to levy financial penalties on any council that uses this working model. Once all of that is known the whole council will be able to vote on whether to become a 4 Day Week employer.

From September 2022 to 31 December 2023 the Council spent £434,000 less on agency staff by filling posts that that were previously identified as hard to fill; this includes planners, HGV drivers (waste service) and business analysts.

It is possible to operate a four-day week working practice without jeopardising performance and service delivery. Route optimisation of waste collection (necessary anyway because of the increase in growth in the Greater Cambridge area) has been successful with few resident complaints. There has been a positive impact on colleague health and wellbeing and a reduction in days lost due to sickness. This is especially positive amongst waste crews where musculoskeletal injuries are commonplace due to the physical nature of their work.

#### **Action for Happiness**

The Action for Happiness theme for March is at <a href="https://www.actionforhappiness.org/calendar">https://www.actionforhappiness.org/calendar</a> - Mindful March. The focus is "Let's pause, breathe and notice, so we can respond more mindfully". Have a look at the daily calendar which has some really good ideas for action on a daily basis.

## Casework

Please do feel free to contact me with comments, questions, problems, reports, suggestions or complaints to do with SCDC services. I will help as best I can

You will find the current and past reports on my blog at <a href="https://tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports/monthly-reports/2023-24-monthly-reports/">https://tumihawkins.org.uk/caldecote-ward/reports/monthly-reports/2023-24-monthly-reports/</a>. Feel free to read, share and/or download.

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# **Kingston Parish Council**

## Financial report 29 February 2024

N.B. All figures exclude VAT

| ltem                                     | Budget<br>2023/24<br>£ | Expenditure YTD | Budget minus<br>expenditure YTD<br>£ | Additional Information   |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Grass and Hedge cutting -<br>Expenditure | 2,876                  | 2,805           | 71                                   | No further payments expected;<br>(increase was less than budgeted)   |
| Grass and Hedge cutting -<br>Income      | (306)                  | (311)           | 5                                    | Fasnacloich Estates paid extra   |
| Insurance                                | 463                    | 449             | 14                                   | No further payments expected; (increase was less than budgeted)  |
| Clerk's salary                           | 2,419                  | 2,218           | 201                                  | Includes KV to 8 Aug, 4 mths PS,3<br>mths RM (to come: 3mths RM £248)  |
| Grants (section 137)                     | 941                    | 850             | 91                                   | Churchyard maintenance, fixed sum (Stuart D paying excess)   |
| Village Hall upgrade                     | 1,288                  | 1,288           | 0                                    | PWLB 2 of 2 tranches paid  |
| Audit fees                               | 72                     | 75              | (3)                                  | No further payments expected;<br>(increase was slightly more than<br>budgeted)   |
| Village asset maintenance                | 600                    | 594             | 6                                    | Paid for playground: annual inspection,<br>extra bark, spraying. Defibrillator battery<br>(to come: bus shelter cleaning; tree<br>works) |
| Subscriptions                            | 456                    | 424             | 32                                   | Paid for ICO, CAPALC, One.com (to come: SLCC, Parish Online)   |
| Parish Magazine                          | 830                    | 670             | 160                                  | Cost less than budgeted  |
| Footpath lighting                        | 194                    | 85              | 109                                  | Opus Energy all paid; new supplier costs to come c. £60  |
| Miscellaneous and expenses               | 1,000                  | 340             | 660                                  | Clerk exps; training; allotments rent paid<br>to SCDC; bank charges (to come:<br>village hall hire)                                      |
| Income other than precept                | (248)                  | (365)           | 117                                  | Deposit account interest recd £305; allotments £60   |
| Total                                    | 10,585                 | 9,122           | 1,463                                |  |

| At 29 February 2024 |                  | 20,909 | see |
|---------------------|------------------|--------|-----|
| Dain Dalanoos       | Deposit account: | 16,246 |     |
| Bank balances       | Current account: | 4,663  |     |

see below

## Reconciliation of bank balances

| Balances brought forward | Current account: | 3,919 |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------|
|                          |                  |       |

Deposit account: 14,711

At 01 April 2023 18,630

Net expenditure as above (9,122)

Other items: Precept income 10,892

VAT refund received 729 For financial year 2021-22

VAT refund received 501 For financial year 2022-23

VAT incurred on net expenditure 2023-24 (721) To be recovered

**At 29 February 2024 20,909** *As above*