

BEPTON PARISH COUNCIL – COMMENTARY ON ACCOUNTS 2022-2023

The accounts are prepared using Governance and Accountability for Smaller Authorities in England March 2018 with amendments in 2019. My thanks to Richard Buckler who is the Council's internal auditor. Moore are the External Auditors. The accountability and audit framework are 'risk-based', and the Council is required to assess and to set out how it manages its risks. The Council has prepared a Risk Management document, which includes our physical and financial risk which is reviewed annually.

The accounts will be available for exercising elector's right from Monday 5th June and ending on Friday 14th July 2022.

Precept for 2022-23 = £6475 = tax base Band D £148 = £43.75 per elector

Miscellaneous expenses - £1846 (rounded)

Road signs - £496 (net)
Installation of road signs - £50
Mowing - £250
Queens Jubilee - £250
Kings Charles II Coronation mugs - £800 (net)

Administration - £802 (net)

ICO £35, Room hire £229; internal audit £100; Azets payroll £170; Misc photo £19.50;
WordPress £99; Binding of Minutes £70; Wreath £20; Reimburse LG Microsoft £60.

Grants/Donations - £1850 (includes £250 towards Queens Platinum Party; Subscriptions £194;
Insurance £241. Newsletter £226.

Balance b/f 1.4.2022 – £10159.43– Receipts £7049.61 – Payments £7576 =
Balance b/f 1.4.23 - £9632.06 less Ringfenced funds £1635.60 - Available funds £7996.46
Ringfenced funds - Clerks Gratuity fund £1387.80; Defibrillator funds - £247.80

Overview of the year –

The Council maintains the mowing of Severals Green. A wreath was purchased and laid on Remembrance Day at Bepton churchyard. New road signs were purchased and installed. The Council will be distributing King Charles III mugs to households in the Parish. There is continued maintenance of the defibrillator unit. Residents continue to receive the quarterly Newsletter.

Donations - The Council continues to support surrounding community organisations with donation to enable mutual local benefit. Donations were made to Bepton PCC, Rother Valley Together, Citizens Advice Bureau, Midhurst Community Bus, The Samaritans, Midhurst Area Cycling, 4 Sight, Midhurst Festivities, Air Ambulance, CPRE and to the Queens Platinum Party.

Precept for 2023-24 = £6598 which presents an increase of 1.9% -
Tax base 2023-24 on Band D will be £149.70 = £44.07 per elector

The Accounts are available on the Bepton website www.bep-ton.org

Lorraine Grocott, Clerk to the Council, RFO, May 2023