

Finance Report for the year 2019/20

This report is an informal picture of what the Parish Council has done over the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 and where your precept payments have gone.

The precept for 2019/20 was £336,800.

Our staff – the Clerk and Deputy Clerk, Vestry Hall Caretakers are our most essential resource and front line to Parishioners. We could not run the Council without them. Our staffing costs including National Insurance & Pensions amounted to £87,786.

Total expenditure amounted to £408,307. Items of significant expenditure were as follows –

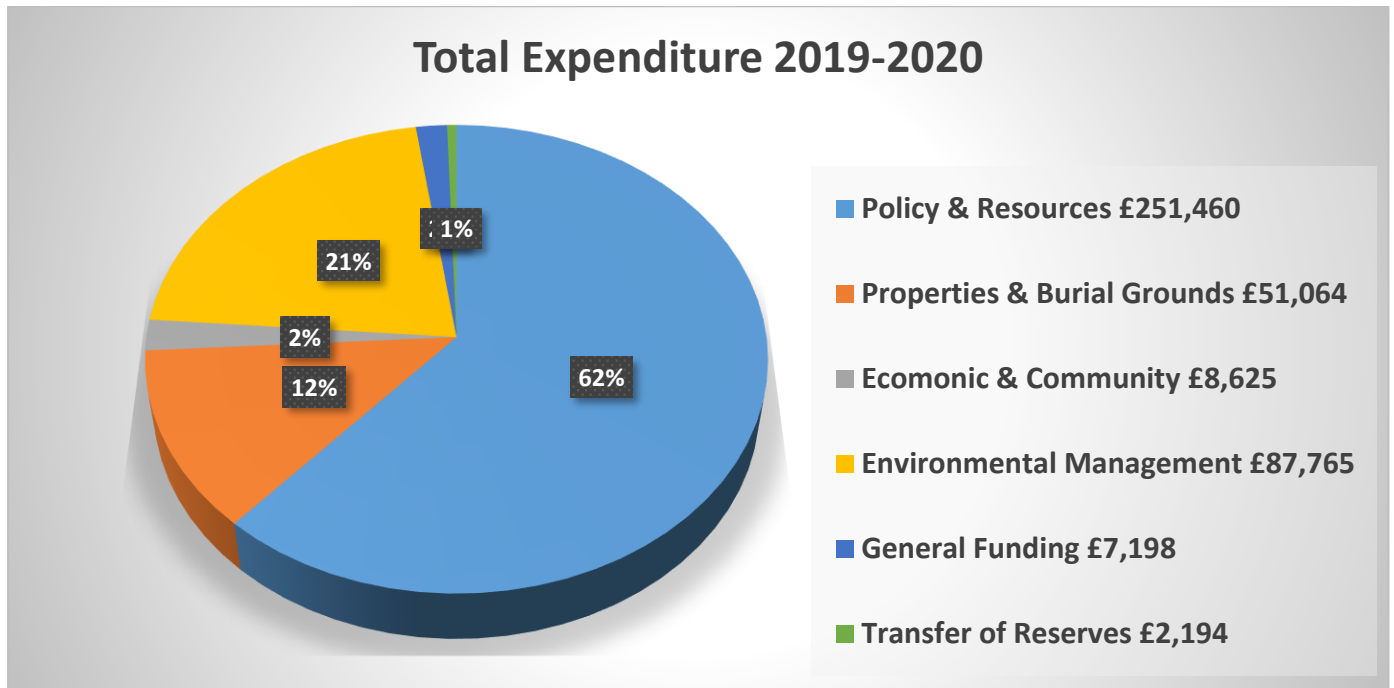
Insurances	£9,635
Parish Warden Duties	£21,316
General Administration	£20,312
Neighbourhood Plan	£9,385
Street Lighting	£15,764
Vestry Hall & Info Centre Including rates, running costs, general maintenance, roof repairs & external decoration	£41,907
General maintenance of Cemeteries & Churchyard and War Memorials	£5,982
Contracts for upkeep of Recreation Grounds, Cemeteries & Allotments	£31,200
Recreation Grounds – Repairs and maintenance, litter clearance, play equipment reports and repairs	£10,845
Staff and Councillor training	£1,412
Crane Valley Nature Reserve	£3,500
Car Parks including business rates, lighting maintenance and repairs	£74,828
Amenity Refuse Vehicle	£1,069
IT equipment update	£4,428
Grants to Voluntary Organisations	£7,396

The above and all our other payments were funded by the precept, various grants and monies earmarked in previous years, plus the following income –

Bank Interest	£3,890
TWBC Grant towards community facilities	£400,000
OLEV Grant for installation of electric vehicle charging points	£16,251
Vestry Hall & Council Chamber Hire	£23,302
Burial Fees	£12,485
From Tomlin Murton Playing Field Trust	£6,000
Rents & Wayleaves received	£1,805

At the end of the year there was £868,590 held as a reserve earmarked for future specified expenditure (including £184,800 for the car parks and £594,000 for the Community Centre). There is also a general cash flow fund of £177,054.

The accounts are examined twice a year by our Auditor from K.C.C and then sent as part of our Annual Return to the accountants, appointed by the audit commission, for approval. Once approval has been received the accounts in their formal format are available for inspection at the Parish Council Office.



The Policy & Resources Committee is responsible for all financial matters. They deal with staffing, contracts and decisions regarding general administration and policies of the Council. They have also taken on the responsibility of awarding grants from the Economic and Community budget and have control of the Neighbourhood Plan budget.

Properties and Burial Grounds Committee take care of the Council's property such as the Vestry Hall Complex, the Cemeteries and St. Dunstan's Churchyard.

The Environmental Management Committee deal with streetlights, all the car parks and any issues associated with them. They also look after the allotments, the recreation grounds and the Crane Valley Nature Reserve.

Cranbrook & Sissinghurst Parish Council precept in 2019-2020

cost each Band D household £128.43 per year or £2.46 per week

