

<b>PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL</b>	
<b>ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23</b>	
<b>EXPLANATION OF VARIANCES</b>	
<b>Item</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Box 3 – Total other receipts Reduction in receipts £16949 to £8382	The scale of this change is explained by the absence in 2022-23 of a Community Infrastructure Levy receipt from the District Council (2021-22 £6416), and a reduction in Neighbourhood Plan grant received from Government from £6279 (2021-22) to £2450 (2022-23). Other slight increases in receipts counterbalanced these reductions (e.g. increase in Village Hall hire receipt from £1246 (2021-22) to £1530 (2022-23)), increase in VAT reclaimed (£2208 (2021-22) to £4000 (2022-23))
Box 4 – Staff costs Increase from £4126 to £5195	This reflects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase in clerk's payable hours from 30 to 35/month (agreed by Council 1/2/22)</li> <li>• 2021-22 salary award – paid to Clerk with back pay during 22-23</li> <li>• 2022-23 salary award – paid during 22-23</li> <li>• Additional clerk's fee for administering Parish Poll 21 Feb 2023</li> </ul>
Box 6 -Total Other Payments Increase in payments from £24094 to £32306	<p>The increase in expenditure in 2022-23 represents the continued investment in Parish Council infrastructure which has resulted from the award of Community Infrastructure Levy grants and also Covid Business support grants in 2020-21 and 2021-22 (which led to the growth in the Council's bank balances still reflected at the recent year-end).</p> <p>In 2021-22 reference was made to the following individual expenditure items funded in this way:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erection of new council signage (£1710)</li> <li>• Replacement of 2 council noticeboards (£1738)</li> <li>• Replacement of pavilion doors (£900)</li> <li>• Refurbishment of parish council land footpath (£2076)</li> <li>• Yellow hatching of part of council-owned car park (£648)</li> <li>• Renovation of third noticeboard (£795)</li> <li>• Installation of bollards (£600)</li> </ul> <p>In 2022-23 some similar infrastructure expenditure followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surfacing of Village Hall car park (£600)</li> <li>• Provision of fence to council-owned open space (£5335)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• De-mossing etc of council-owned Pavilion roof (£480)</li> <li>• Replacement of Village Hall windows (£1066)</li> <li>• Replacement of Pavilion fascias (£3350)</li> <li>• Installation of external lighting to Village Hall car park (£3059)</li> </ul> <p>In addition during 2022-23 the following items were notable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Purchase of new laptop (£505), printer (£134), mobile phone (£130) and ancillary items for Clerk</li> <li>• Increase in council insurance premium following from re-valuation of council-owned buildings (+£986)</li> <li>• Increase in energy bills for Village Hall reflecting increased energy costs but also increased use of Hall when pandemic closedowns ended (+£858)</li> <li>• Increase in village hall cleaning bills compared to Covid year 2020 when hall was out of use for long period (+£445)</li> <li>• Provision of large waste bin for council open space – full year’s use (+£438)</li> </ul> <p>Clearly other items of expenditure vary from year to year.</p>
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