

The Orchards' and Margaret Marsh Parish Council

Explanation of Variances for the Annual Return

Financial year ending 31st March 2024

Current and Reserve Account Balances totalling **£2,296.08** were brought forward from previous financial year and **£2,266.10** carried forward to FY 2024-2025. Total expenditure for FY 2023-2024 was **£3,162.47**

The precept for FY 2023-2024 was **£3,033** an increase of **£545** compared to the previous Financial Year. Budgets for one off grant awards were included in the precept. The increase included £350 for contingencies and has had to be used to pay the payroll providers.

The following variances from 2022-2023 to 2023-2024 explained:

Precept Item	£ 22/23	£ 23/24	Difference £	Reason for variance (over £20)
Insurance	177	179	2	
Audit Fees	50	50	0	
Clerk's Salary	936	1077	141	Salary brought inline with national scale plus national pay award
Clerk's Expenses	127	109	-18	Reduction in photocopying costs
Payroll Admin	90	475	385	Previous payroll increased prices astronomically and new provider was appointed; payment in advance for 24/25 of £240 has been made.
DAPTC Sub	88	92	4	
Parish Wardens	150	225	75	All parishes now have a warden
Hire of Hall	82	90	8	
Website	183	183	0	
Website update	42	0	-42	No update was made this year
Cllr Training	158	208	50	Induction training for new Councillor and training for the Chairman and Councillor
Cllr Expenses	32	31	-1	
Clerks' Conference	0	45	45	Clerk attended conference
Temporary Toilet for Coronation event	0	75	75	The PC agreed to pay 50% of the cost of a temporary toilet for a Coronation Event.
Bank Charges	72	72		
Section 137 Grants	500	250	-250	22/23 included grants for two years.

£2,687 £3,162