

3.1 Finance – End of term report.

I took on the role of finance chair last year with the vision that we need to be more open and transparent with our finances.

I therefore want us all to share our successes, I want to personally say well done to each committee, not only has each committee made approvals and decisions on finances, but remarkably they have managed to stay within a set budget. It is clear, the finances are managed better when together, we all have a responsibility.

Like last year, the accounts and AGAR for this year will be submitted on time, Councillors will receive a copy by the end of this month. Our residents will be given opportunity to review these accounts from end of June.

Many of you have asked the question about AGAR for 22/23, we are simply still waiting for this report from the new external auditor. All questions raised were promptly answered and now it's just waiting for the final report to be produced.

I would like to thank the RFO for her hard work in ensuring that all the finance paperwork is collated and managed in the way that it should be. Something that many of us forgets this happens behind the scenes.

However, you all know not everything has gone smoothly, and we have faced many challenges in the past year, you will be aware that one team member has consistently disregarded our procedures, created unauthorised financial costs, and sent unauthorized emails to our stakeholders, in order, to try and discredit this parish.

We must not allow this negativity to affect us, and we need to continue to do it the open and transparent way, "as a team" and more importantly in a democratic way, where everyone makes the decisions enabling us to spend our finances in areas where it is needed the most—our community.

Lee Browning

08/05/2024

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Dear all

Overview Report for Full Council Meeting:

The following reports have been shared with all Cllrs

1. Bank Statement
2. Reconciliation for March

For March

The accounts balance as at 31/03/2024 was £64036.64

Total Spend for March was £6733.73 and Income was £2070.00

- a. The External Audit: We have not yet received the report for 22/23.
- b. No Questions were raised on email by Councillors in February or March relating to finances but a question was raised what questions were sent to External Audit.
- c. All committee's were informed in their meetings last week what current expenditure is to date.
- d. Actions for this month is the RFO will start engaging with internal audit and AGAR.