

Background to Ilketshall St. Andrew Parish Council Finances.

Income

The largest source of income, by far, to the Parish Council is the ‘precept’ that is added to a property’s Council Tax bill. In summary, an amount is added to the Council Tax bill that is then forwarded to the Parish Council.

Each year, the Parish Council has to decide how much money it needs to raise in order to finance its expenditures. It decided that it would need to raise £2,400 for the financial year April 2022 – March 2023. There are 114.71 Band D equivalent properties within the Parish, and therefore the Parish Precept added to the Council Tax bill for a Band D property in the village worked out at £20.92. Properties that have a Council Tax band that is **not** Band D pay a different amount, using the following formulas:

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
6/9	7/9	8/9	9/9	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9

As examples, a Band A property will therefore pay £13.94, and a Band H property £41.84.

An occasional source of additional income are “Neighbourhood CIL Payments”. [CIL = Community Infrastructure Payments]. If there is a development in the village that gives rise to the developer having to make a Community Infrastructure Payment to East Suffolk Council, the Parish Council receives 15% of that payment. [The payment would be 25% if the Parish had a Neighbourhood Plan.] There is a requirement that any Neighbourhood CIL payment has to be spent on ‘infrastructure’ within a specified period of time, and has to be accounted for. The Parish has received just one such payment since May 2019, of £572.30 in October 2022.

The final element of income is a very small amount of income coming from interest payments on interest-bearing accounts that the Parish Council has. The amount held in reserves in interest-bearing accounts is small, and with interest rates low, the annual income from these payments has been only a few pence in recent years.

Expenditure

Most of the expenditures that the Parish Council makes are payments that it **has** to make, in effect – it doesn’t have a choice about whether to make such payments or not. In 2022-2023, these payments are likely to constitute (in round figures)

Insurance – Village Hall	£871
Insurance – Parish Council	£308
Burial Ground maintenance	£250
Suffolk Association of Local Councils subscription	£145
Data Commissioner’s Office	£40
Play Area annual safety inspection	£102
Zoom subscription	£172
Parish Council website maintenance	£300

TOTAL:

£2,188

Clearly, with an income from the Council Tax precept of £2,400 and the necessary expenditures of £2,188, there is only £212 left over for 'discretionary' expenditures, and during 2022-23 these will be mostly funded from reserves.

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