

## APC Year End Financial Report 2021-2022

2021-2022 Receipts – Total £27,450.02 (excluding vat reclaim)

The parish council took £26,000 as council tax for the parish and also received the last payment of £589 from Ashford Borough Council for carrying out one of its functions- litter picking. The parish council will be taking on this cost in full this year. 2021-2022 is also the first year that no Council Tax Scheme grant came via Ashford from central government. With the solar panels being disconnected during the hall refurbishment works, only £327.64 was received from Feed in Tariff payments as opposed around £1,600. Other minor income was received with a reduction in interest from the reserve account. A grant of £250 was obtained for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations from Ashford Borough Council. Public donations from the toilets are down with Covid at £205. It is fortunate that as the toilets have been recently refurbished there will only be running costs to deal with and no major work.

2021-2022 Payments – Total £31,635.96 (net of vat)

This expenditure can be divided between expenditure from ring fenced restricted funds and the council's annual budget.

Highways Projects – Total Expenditure £115 (net of vat)

Kent Highways have taken time to get back up to speed following reopening to business from Covid. A traffic survey was completed between the hall and recreation ground. The results of which are awaited. The cost of it £115 has been paid and leaves the fund for highways improvements standing at 19,885.

Capital Projects Funded from the Sale of the Council Field – Total Expenditure £7,460 (net of vat)

The Appledore Signage Scheme is almost complete with only the signs for the new car park on Court Lodge Road and a refurbished village history sign for in front of St. Peter and St. Paul, awaiting installation. The net of vat cost being £7,460, reduced the restricted funds to £62,540.

Council Annual Budget – Total Expenditure £24,060.96 (net of vat)

Running the council totaled £19,930.29 with salaries for the three staff coming too £17,139.79. The toilets running cost excluding salary came to £999.37. Minor highways work replacing the damaged verge post cost £577. During the hall refurbishment the council supplied the temporary parking signs at £113.75. The council supported the flower festival with £50 and provided a Christmas tree £95.88. The council noticeboards needed minor repair and corking which came to £226. The Footpath Group was allocated £300 from the contingency fund of which £121.73 was used to buy posts, leaving £178.30. The bye-election which Councillor Kinsley won was charged at £1,919.20.

Total council annual budget spending reached £24,060.96 against the budgeted amount of £27,070. There are two costs outstanding to be taken off of the figures; £510.00 for the telephone repaint and installation fee of the remaining signs in the Appledore Signage Project £270.

As at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 the bank balance stood at £100,430.94 (including £62,343.01 for capital projects funded from the sale of the council field and £19,885 for Highways Projects plus a reserve of £13,000) but excludes some vat for the year, still to be reclaimed, approximately £1,000.