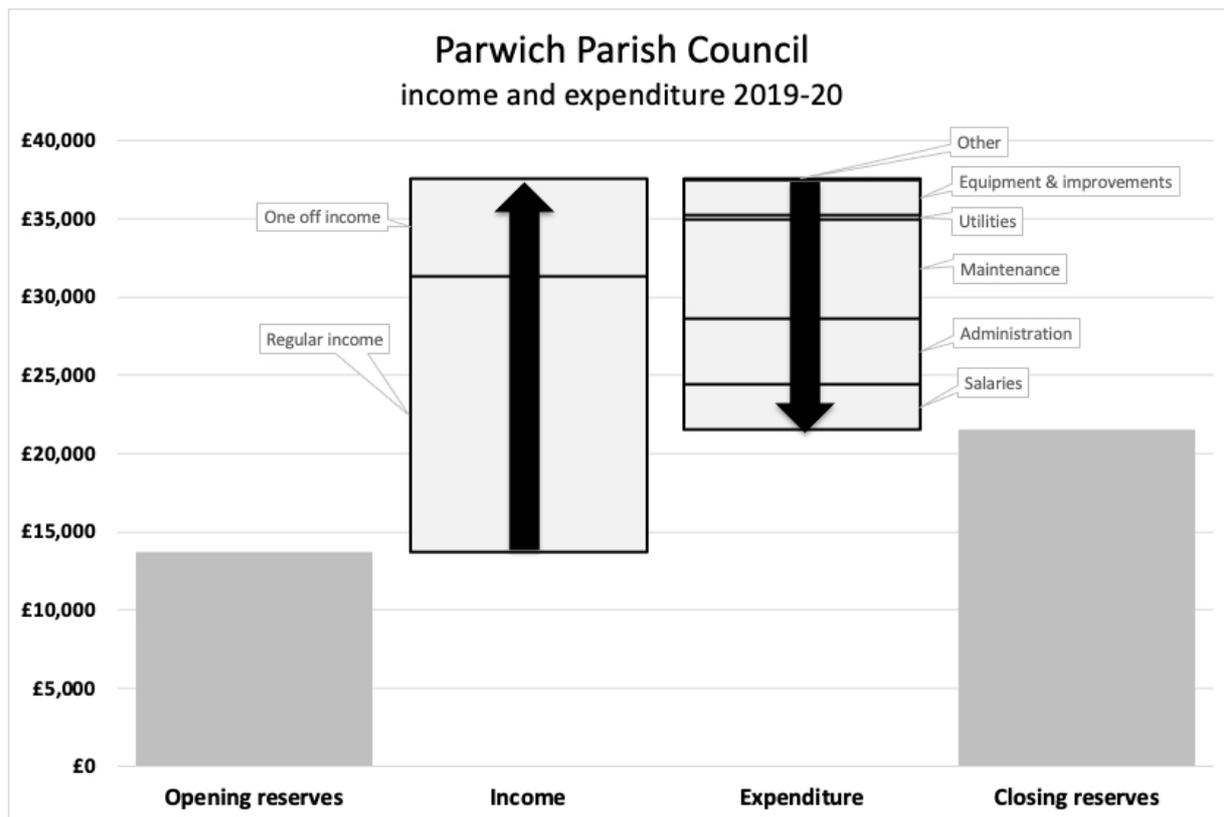


# Parwich Parish Council Finances.

Year to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.

The charts and comments below are made by the Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer in lieu of being able to make a presentation at a Parish Annual Meeting due to Covid-19.

## Overview



This graph of income and expenditure shows how much money the Parish Council started the year with, what was left at the end and why. For consistency with the Annual Governance and Reporting forms expenditure reflects the year in which cheques were written not cashed.

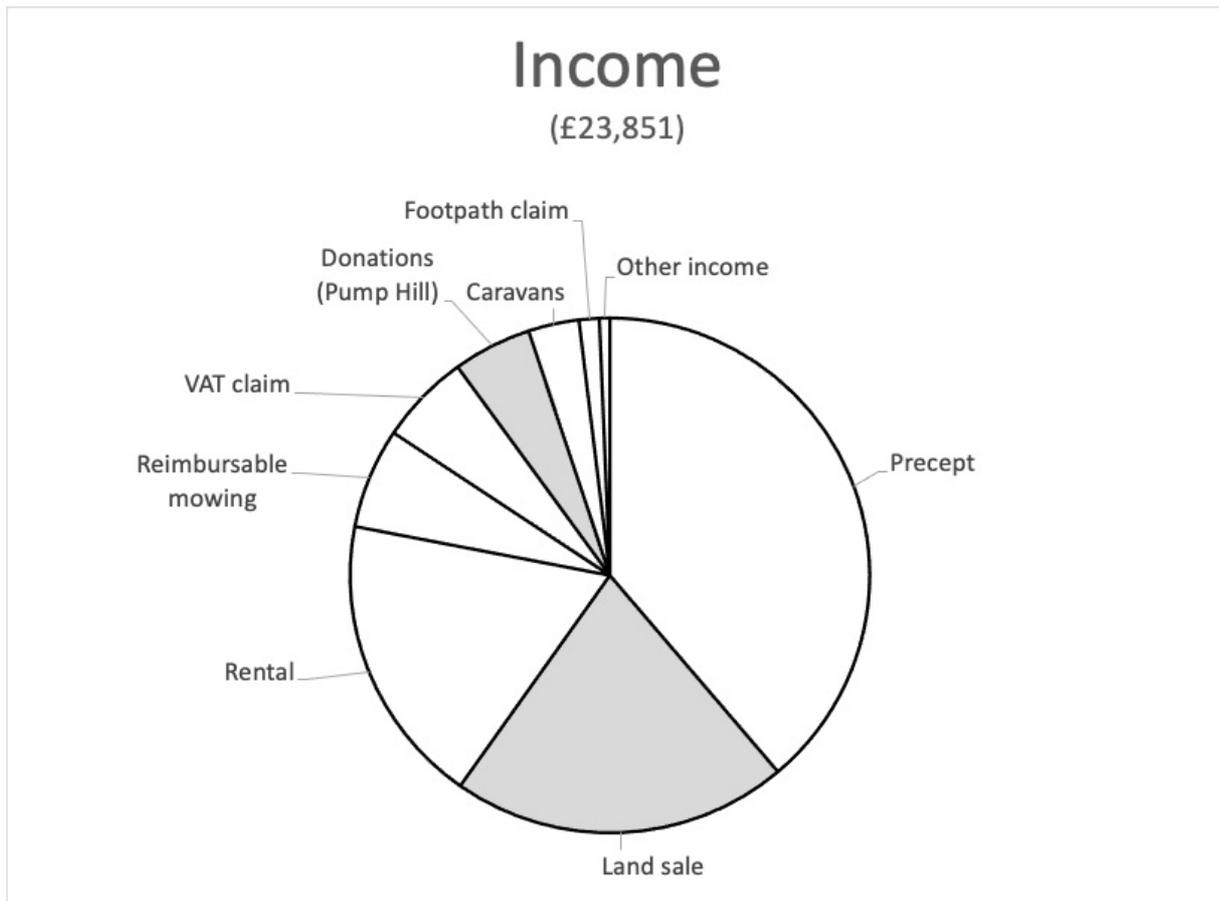
The level of reserves was reviewed by the Council. An amount between 50% and 100% of annual income is typical for local authorities. Larger reserves reflect funds built up for bigger one off costs that have to be saved up for or for unexpected arisings.

The sources of income added to these reserves are broken down on a later chart.

Spending on salaries and administration is broadly the underlying cost of running the Parish Council. The salary element reflects payments to the Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for five and a half hours of work per week. Time spent beyond this is voluntary. The administration costs are broken down on a later chart.

Spending on maintenance and utilities could typically be repeated each year. Equipment and improvement costs tend to be one off items decided each year. The cost of maintenance and improvements are broken down on a later chart.

# Income



The precept is a small part of council tax which comes to the Parish. Each year the Parish Council decides how much it would like to have collected for it in this way. For the coming year this has been held at 85 pence per Band D household per week.

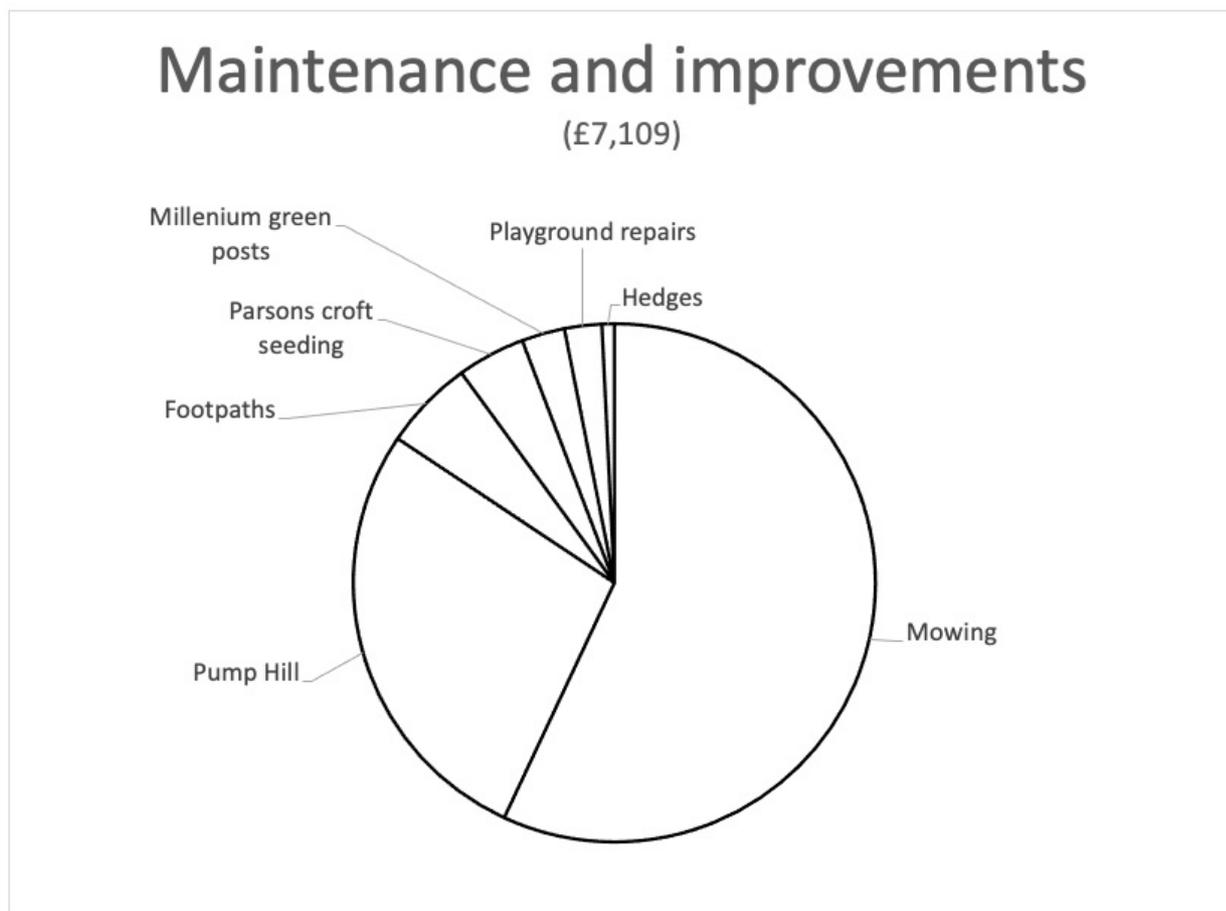
The precept makes up only just over half of the Parish Council's routine income. Rent comes from two pieces of agricultural land owned by the Parish.

The Council is able to claim some costs for the maintenance of playing fields from Derbyshire Dales District Council. Parwich claims the maximum amount permissible, though this does not completely cover the cost of the mowing.

Two caravan club meetings took place on Parson's Croft during the year (one during Wakes) and income is generated from the fees charged.

The shaded areas show income that is a one off for this year. The sale of land was a small part of the Memorial Hall site adjacent to Shaw Barn.

## Maintenance and improvements



Mowing the various greens in the village is by far the greatest area of spend for the Council. The Council also arranges for the strimming of some verges.

This was the second year of a three-year mowing contract.

Beyond the regular mowing the Parish Council undertakes various other maintenance projects as the need arises and to enhance the village.

Then cost of work at Pump Hill was largely offset by donations.

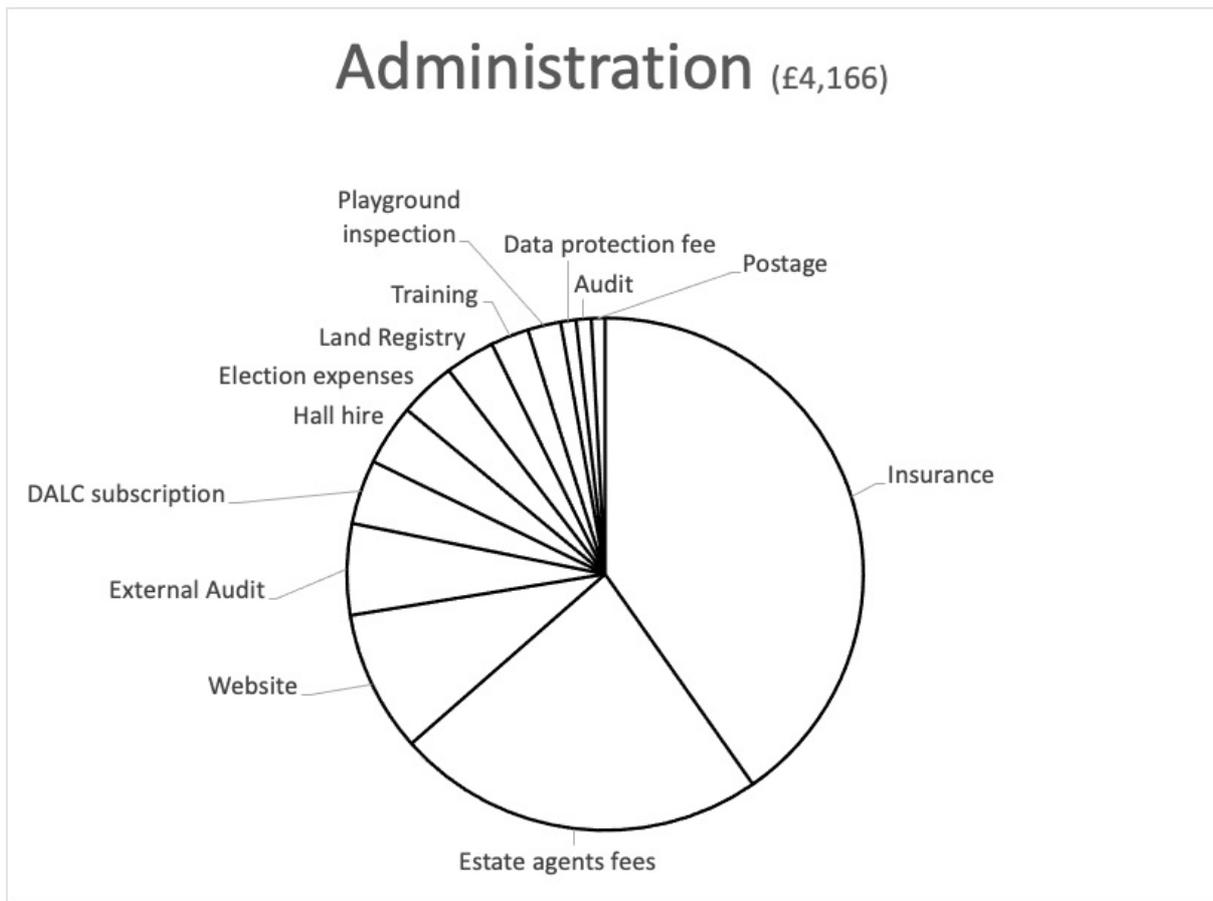
Most of the cost of footpath maintenance was reclaimed from Derbyshire County Council.

Parsons Croft seeding included the purchase of topsoil to cover the removal of the artificial wicket.

A new row of posts was installed along the Millennium Green roadside.

Playground repairs included a new roundabout seat and a platform inside the climbing frame.

# Administration



The Parish Council has an insurance policy to cover its activities and assets. This includes the insurance of the Memorial Hall and third party liability insurance.

Estate agents fees are for the re letting of one of the pieces of land owned by the Parish.

The Parish Council maintains a website to meet the requirements for transparency and accountability. A service is purchased which includes links to other authorities sites. The Clerk can create content and archive documents such as agendas, minutes and policies.

An external audit is only required in years when either the income or expenditure of the Council exceeds £25,000. This was the case in 2018-19 due to the purchase of the new climbing frame. The charge is made in the following year when the audit takes place.

Membership of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils provides advice and training for Councillors and the Clerk. Some free training was included in the subscription paid.

The Memorial Hall is hired when Parish Council Meetings take place.

Derbyshire Dales made a charge for related to the Parish Council election. (even though no actual election was required in Parwich)

It is a requirement of the insurance policy that an independent inspection of the safety of the playground equipment is carried out each year.

Land Registry costs relate to Pump Hill.