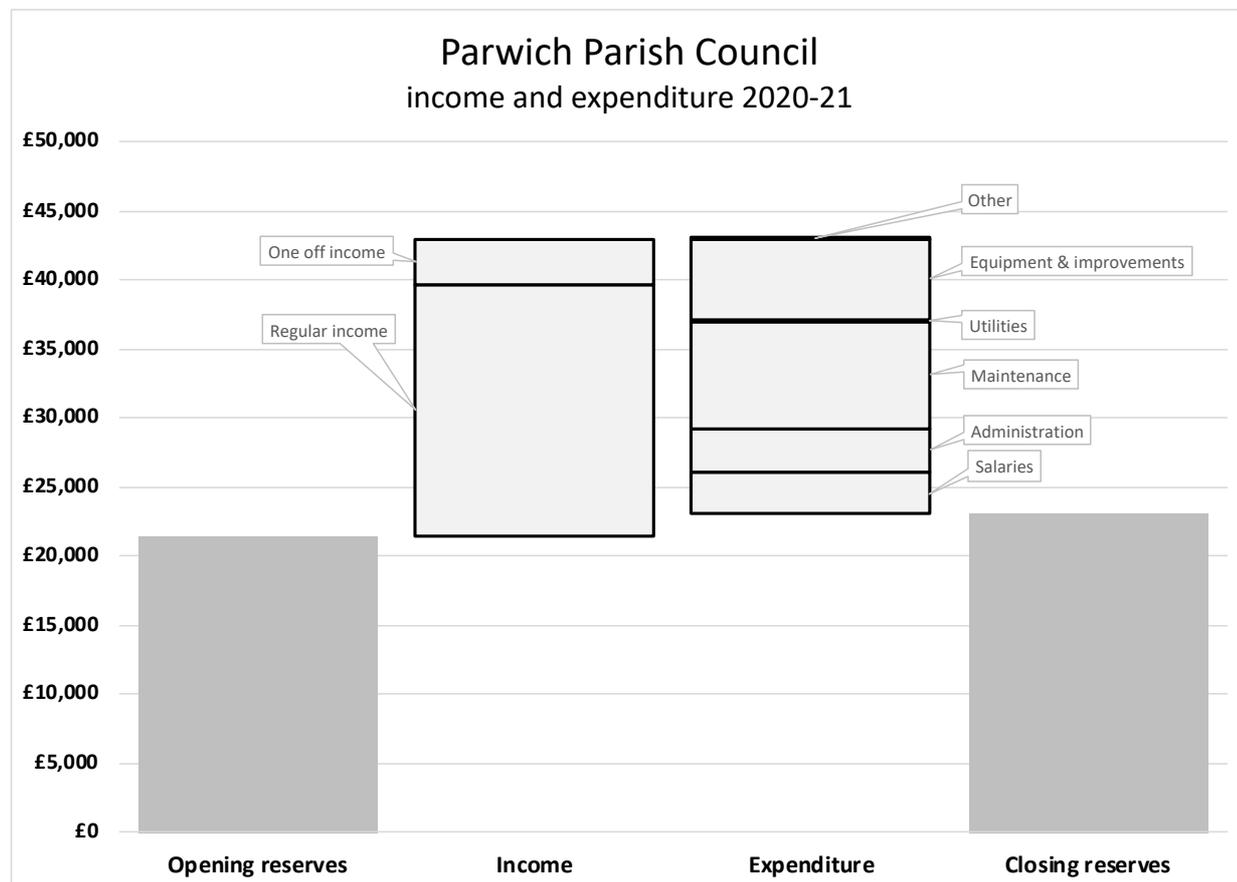


Parwich Parish Council Finances.

Year to March 31st 2021.

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.

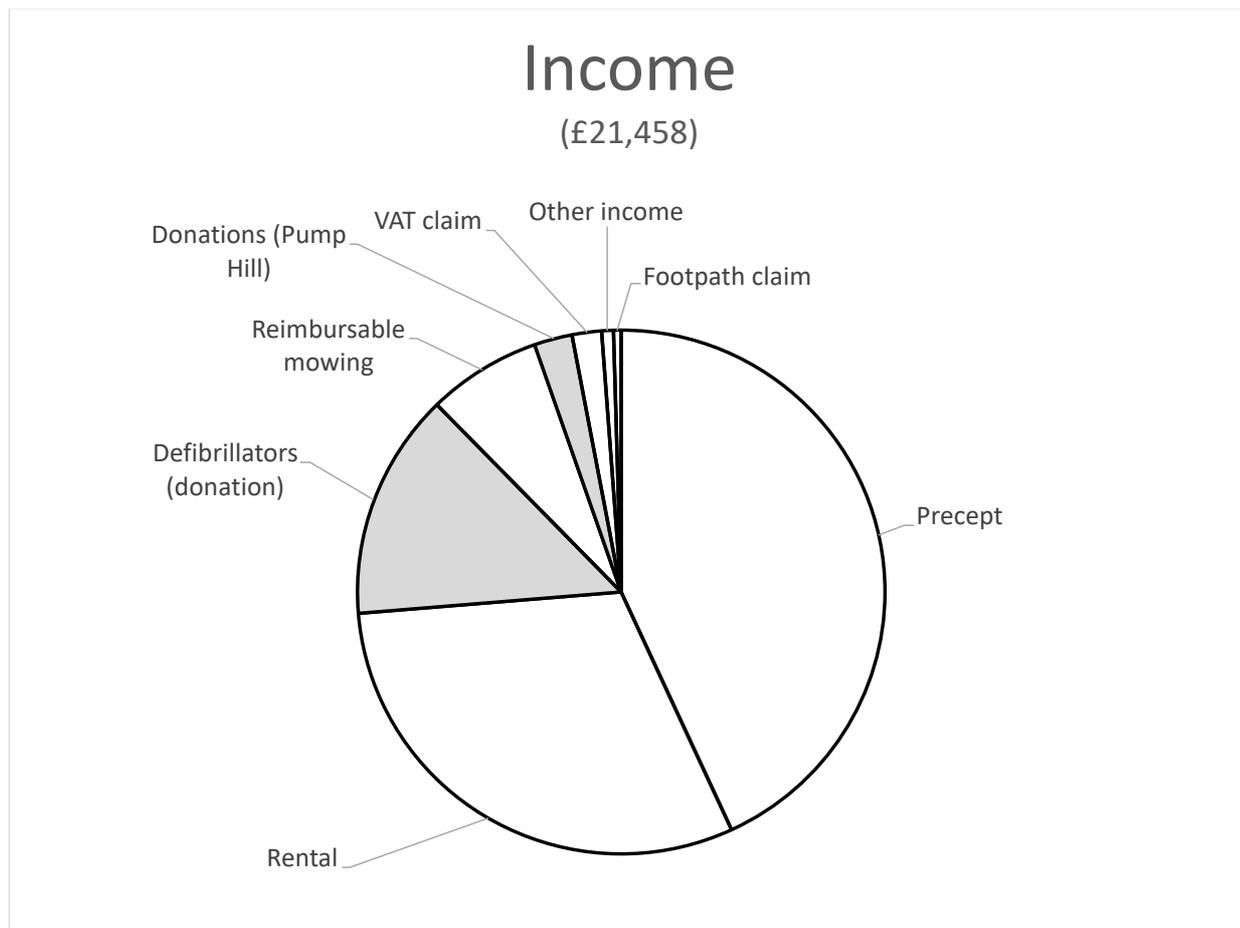
The level of reserves was reviewed by the Council. An amount between 50% and 100% of annual income is typical for local authorities. Larger reserves can reflect funds built up for bigger one-off costs that have to be saved up for, or for unexpected arisings. For the first time this year the Council was required to publish an explanation of its reserves as part of the Annual Return. It can be seen on the Council's website.

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 includes payments to the Clerk and tax paid through PAYE. The salary is based on 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 again 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.

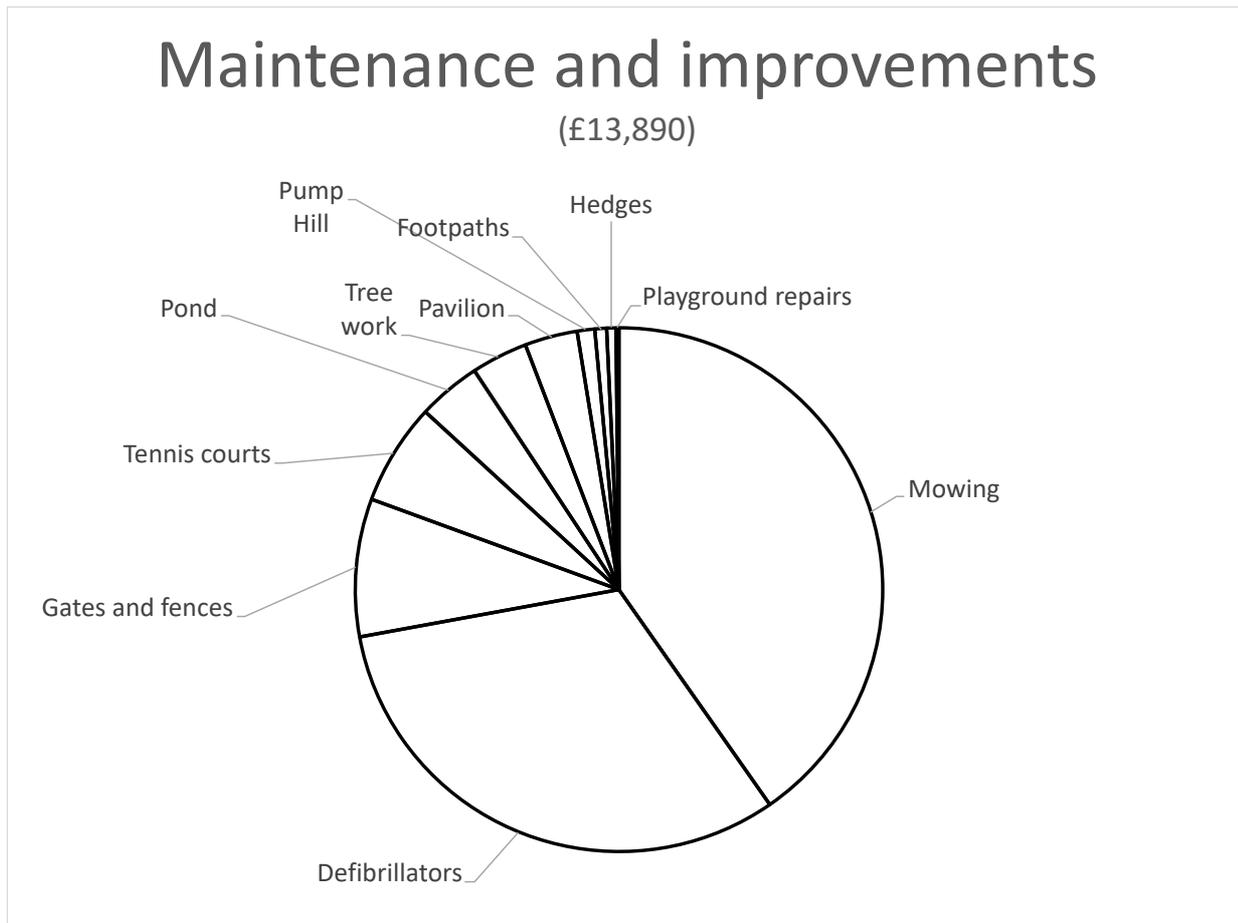
The Council is able to claim some costs for the maintenance of playing fields from Derbyshire Dales District Council. Parwich claims the maximum amount permissible, though this does not completely cover the cost of the mowing.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic there was no income from campers on Parson's Croft this year.

The Council is able to claim a small amount for clearance of ground cover (only) on footpaths that are official rights of way.

The shaded areas show income that is a one off for this year.

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 third year of a three-year mowing contract. A new three-year contract has been agreed.

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

Replacement defibrillators were purchased by the Council as this allowed the VAT charged to be reclaimed. The majority of this cost was met from donations.

New vehicle and pedestrian gates were installed between the car park and Parson's Croft. A vehicle new gate was installed at Nether Green.

The tennis courts were cleaned to remove algae left after flooding earlier in the year.

The Sheepwash and the Jubilee Pond were dredged.

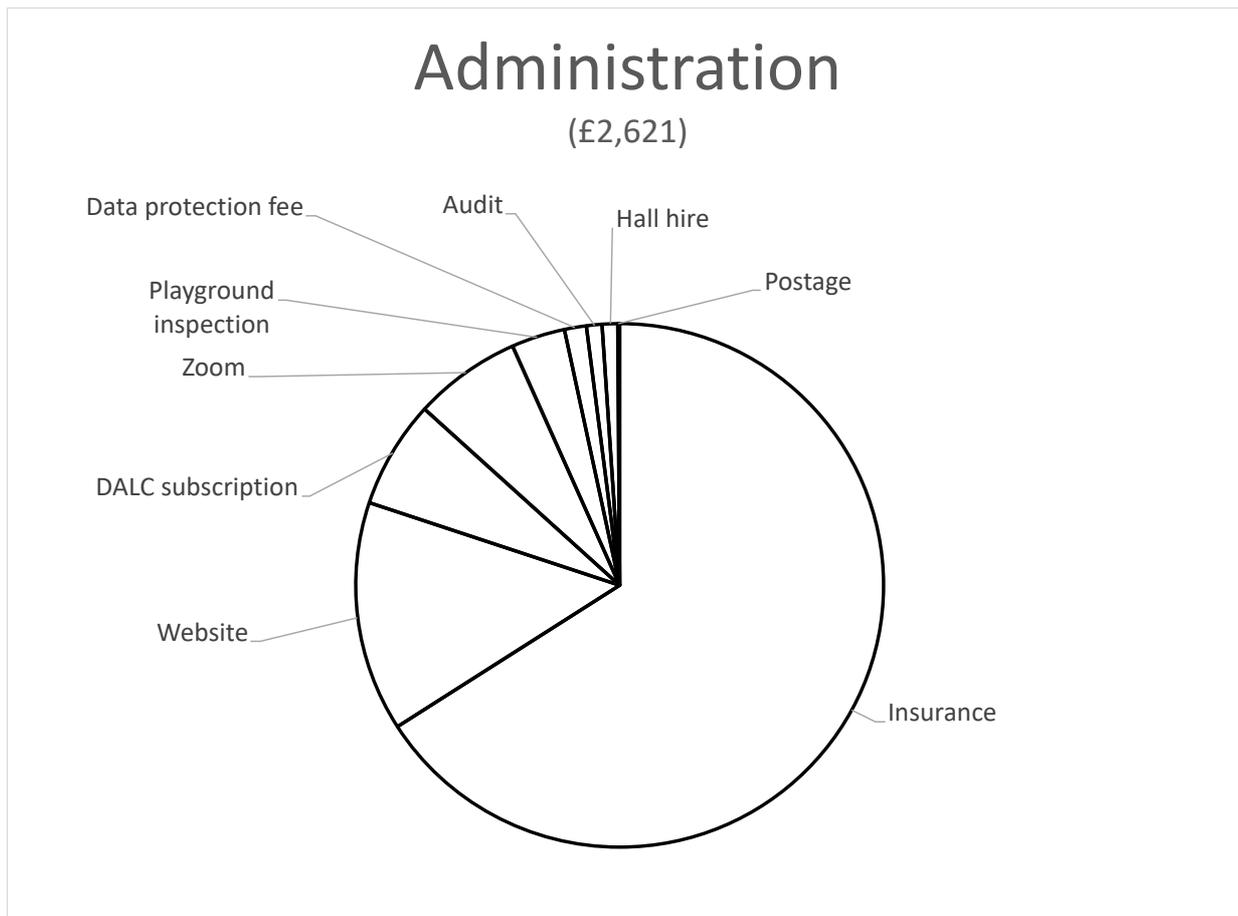
Unsafe trees were cut down on the Millennium Green above Rowan Cottage.

An asbestos survey was carried out at the pavilion which has resulted in its partial closure.

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

The cost of footpath maintenance was reclaimed from Derbyshire County Council.

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.

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.

Membership of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils provides advice and training for Councillors and the Clerk.

For most of the year it was necessary to hold meetings remotely using video conferencing. Zoom subscriptions largely replaced the cost of hiring the Memorial Hall.

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

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June 2021.