

Under the Local Council Award Scheme, we are required to publish our “Annual Return”, otherwise known as the Annual Statement of Accounts

The figures on the statement are very broad:

Staff Costs Figures - covers 5 members of staff – 3 administration and 2 groundstaff. Note we have had 2 members of staff join this year, a Youth Worker and Ground Maintenance Apprentice

The End of Year Accounts published at the AGM on 18th May shows staff costs allocated to the various Council Committees

Borrowing Figure – refers to Public Work Loan Board loans for purchase of the freehold of the recreation ground, pavilion and parish office, hardcourt, MUGA and refurbishment of assets at 12 New Road

Reduction in Receipts – largely down to the decrease of Section 106 funds (developer contributions from new housing)

General Reserves – total £245,870, our Auditors require this to be kept to at least 50% of our precept

Specified Reserves – there a number of these for specific projects (such as £10,000 towards the cost of the crossing at The Green) other spreading the load if replacements/major repairs over a number of years

Community Facilities – currently at £155,501, which has been built up over a number of years to help fund developments such as that at Bypass Farm.

With the Council looking at a range of significant projects, including:

- New Cricket Nets
- Further works at the Recreation Ground to improve facilities, meet Health & Safety requirements
- Additional public open space

The reserves are a strong starting point, but will be rapidly used up!