

# BUCKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## Clerk's Report on 2022-23 Finances

### Summary

The Parish Council concluded the year with £9,762.90 in Reserves (compared to £14,139.87 last year); £6,440 in Earmarked Reserves and £2,917.09 in General Reserves. The Earmarked Reserves are for replacement of office equipment, replacement of defibrillator, election expenses, Coronation expenses & Carpet Bowls sponsorship (grants received for both projects).

### Income

Total income for 2022/23 was £23,296.00, down from £27,663.40 the previous year. This was due fewer grants having been applied for a smaller amount of VAT reclaimable.

### Expenditure

The total expenditure for the Parish Council was £27,672.97 (compared to £20,385.64 the previous year).

The felling of the old poplar trees and the purchase of a nest swing on the Playing Field were the largest projects this year, however money was also spent on new a playing field path, replacement of the fence destroyed by fallen tree, bulbs for the village green areas, new finger pointer signs and village maintenance such as the removal of the old fence and container on the playing field.

### Looking Forward to 2023/24

Our projects for 2023/24 will be limited as there is a necessity to build up the General Reserves in line with the Parish Council's Reserves Policy. The budget is very tight and the Council must be mindful of being frugal with the finances. A grant should be sought for any necessary expenditure not already budgeted for.

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