

CHESTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

RFO REPORT SEPTEMBER 2024

Finance Summary

The Bank Balance as of 24th September 2024 are as follows:

Barclays Current Account:	£ 7,751.84
Barclays Deposit Account:	£46,424.26
Barclays Pavillion Account:	£ 2,373.48
Redwood Deposit Account:	£79,980.00
Nationwide Deposit Account:	£ 5,000.00

The Receipts and Payments Summary for the year to 30th March 2025 has been sent by email and detailed analysis will be available at the Parish Council meeting.

Current Account:

Expenditure for this month was £6,296.97 and details of those invoices are shown below. The final instalment of the annual precept amounting to £30,000 was received on the 13th of September, £1,923.68 interest from Redwood Bank and £60.00 in respect of new allotment holders. A sum of £20,000 was transferred to the Barclays Deposit Account to earn interest.

The amounts paid are greater than expected and reflects that two Green Scythe Invoices amounting to £1748.40 (different months) and £780 being paid to tidy allotment plots before new holders started.

Deposit Account:

The deposit balance increased to a total of £131,404.26 due to the transfer of £20,000 as explained above. Interest of £105.11 was also received.

Pavillion Account:

Interest of £8.84 increased the balance on this account to £2,373.48.

Expenditure during the month of September:

September

<u>Invoice</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>VAT registration</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Invoice total</u>
<u>Date</u>		<u>number</u>	<u>of goods/services</u>	<u>Pmnt</u>	
05/09/2024	SLCC	891 7527 83	Training	6.00	36.00
04/09/2024	SLCC	891 7527 83	Training	24.00	144.00
31/08/2024	Green Scythe	928 1539 08	Grass cutting	131.80	790.80
	The National				
16/09/2024	Allotment	121 2193 01	Membership	11.00	66.00
16/09/2024	OALC	685 6443 93	Training	10.00	60.00
30/07/2024	Green Scythe	928 1539 08	Grass cutting	159.60	957.60
10/09/2024	MOORE	120 4315 30	External Auditor	62.00	378.00
03/09/2024	SLCC	891 7527 83	Training	3.00	18.00
29/08/2024	SLCC	891 7527 83	Training	9.00	54.00
26/08/2024	Marchetti		Churchyard Cut		420.00
26/08/2024	Marchetti		Hedge Trimming		300.00
08/09/2024	Tesco		Paper		3.87
15/09/2024	Marchetti		Plot 34b		120.00
19/09/2024	Countryside Alliance		Membership		36.00
23/09/2024	Total Salary		Including oncosts		2212.70
24/09/2024	NEST		Pension contribution		107.31
23/09/2024	The ABC		Donation		40.00
09/09/2024	Marchetti		Strimming Plots		660.00
Total September				416.40	6296.97

External Audit Report and Notice of Conclusion Annual Audit

Enclosed with this report is the External Auditors Report. There are three comments all minor and administrative.

The first relates to the Notice of Public Rights where the Auditors pointed out that the Notice should have been issued a minimum of 1 day before the period was announced.

The second related to the recording of the signing of AGAR in the Council minutes. The forms indicated minute references 14.6 and 14.7 whereas the website just showed 14.6.

The third issue was that Box 11a was not completed and therefore the form was incomplete.

The Council is now required to issue the report and Notice of Conclusion which will be issued in due course.

Internet Security

Regularly on the media reports of Financial Scams etc feature. The question arises about the Council's internet security. Is this something that needs to be examined and dealt with as a Group.

Defibrillators

The Parish Council have always been responsible for the 2 defibrillators in the Parish having raised funds to purchase both. Apparently, as of July 2023 all state schools should have one on their grounds and it follows that the school must have a budget for replacement of pads and batteries. It would seem appropriate to pass the ownership and therefore the responsibility of maintenance to the school. It is suggested that a letter is written to the school accordingly.

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