Financial Report of Flax Bourton Parish Council for the year ended 31st March 2023

The Parish Council accounts for the year 2022-23 has been closed and the internal audit has been completed.

This year's draft Statement of Accounts, which explains last year's Parish finances, will be formally considered at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 15th May.

Cash Book balance.

The Cash Book balance on 1st April 2022 was £93,737.59; receipts for the financial year 2022/2023 totalled £37,941.23 and payments £40,539.92. The Cash Book balance at 31st March 2023 was £91,138.90.

Earmarked Reserves

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	Budget	**Actual Spend (in 2022-23)**	**Notes**
Professional Fees	10000.00	0.00	Community Land project, NSC Local Plan etc
Village Hall Contingency	5000.00	0.00	Emergency funds for Village Hall
Lottery Grant	5000.00	1240.29	Remainder to be used towards improving the acoustics in the village hall.
Grant from Bristol Airport Fund	2000.00	0.00	Installation of two VAS. Discussions ongoing with NSC Highways
Stancombe Quarry Grant for road improvements	4000.00	0.00	As above
Fund for road improvements	3500.00	0.00	Ongoing consultation with NSC Highways
CIL money	6119.58	0.00	Funds have been allocated for the repair of the wetpour surface areas in the Farleigh Green playarea. Contractor has been appointed and work will begin in the next few months.
	£35,619.58	**£1,240.29**	
	TOTAL Earmarked Reserves (EMR)	**£34,379.29**	

S106 Farleigh Green Playing Field		
	Budget (2022-23)	**Actual Spend (in 2022-23)**
All expenditure	33999.00	3584.76
	TOTAL remaining in S106 Fund	**£30,414.24**

The Parish Council's responsibilities remain the same – maintaining the playing field and the Farleigh Green Play area, emptying the numerous dog bins (all of which have been replaced by the Parish Council in the last two years), and making sure that the Parish Council is compliant with all the legislation including data protection and transparency. We have continued to work closely with North Somerset Council to resolve road safety and flooding issues and both these concerns stay firmly on the Agenda going forwards.

The Parish Council successfully applied for a grant from the Community Renewal Fund which covered

an upgrade to the fire alarm system in the village hall. An upgrade to the electrics in the village hall will take place shortly and will be funded by the Parish Council. The Community Renewal Fund also contributed funding towards the replacement of the boilers in the village hall with the Parish Council paying the balance.

The Parish Council successfully applied and were awarded a grant from North Somerset Council's Improving Play Spaces fund. Discussions with a group of local parents at Flax Bourton Primary School suggested that a basket swing, suitable for all abilities, was a preferred new item of play equipment . The new basket swing was installed in the Farleigh Green Play Area in February just in time for half term.

The Council was delighted to fund an indoor water feature for the children of Primary School to commemorate the late Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee. Continuing with this theme, the Council are now working with the school to fund an outdoor water feature to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III.

A full budget for the 2023-24 year was agreed and confirmed at the December meeting. Following very careful consideration of the budget, the Parish Council were delighted to be able to reduce the Precept to £26,500 (a reduction of £1,500 on the previous year).

Documents relating to the Accounts for 2022-23 will be available to view on the Parish Council website once they have been approved by the Parish Council.

Flax Bourton Parish Council
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

	RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS
Opening Balance			
Balance at Bank		**91,138.90**	
Cash in Hand			
Precept	13,250.00		
CIL			
Hall Hire			
Bank Interest	110.78		
Other Income	146.75		
VAT Reclaim			
Clerk's Salary (Gross)			2,748.70
Orderly's Salary (Gross)			358.81
Stationery & Office Supplies etc			24.15
Office Equipment			
Chair's Allowance			
Insurance (inc Village Hall)			
Internal Audit & External Audit (AGAR)			
Website - Hosting & Email			
Software Subscriptions			15.40
Travel Expenses (Clerk)			
Communications/Social Media			
Cllrs & Clerk's Training			
ICO - Data Protection Registration			
SLCC - Clerk's Membership			
CPRE			
ALCA			179.62
Play Area Maintenance (not grass)			
Play Area Qrtly/Annual Inspections			30.00
Dog Bin Emptying			288.00
General Maintenance of Assets			
Defibrillator Maintenance			
Legal Fees - Lease etc			
Maintenance/Dilapidations Costs			
Running Costs			
New play equipment			
Safety surfacing repairs			
A370 Traffic Calming Measures			
CIC Donation			
Professional Fees			
Village Hall Contingency			
Grant from Bristol Airport Fund (VAS road signs)			
All Expenditure			597.46
Subscriptions			

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	RECEIPTS		PAYMENTS	
HMRC PAYE/NI			129.96	
Clerks Expenses				
Training				
Clerk's Mobile Phone			15.00	
Coronation				
Accounts Package				
Clerk's pension			99.00	
Website re-design				
Boiler (Village Hall)				
Electrical repairs (Village Hall)				
Lottery Grant (re Village Hall)				
Quarry Grant for road signs (VAS)				
Fund for road improvements				
Planting/Entryways				
Fire Alarm Upgrade				
Clerk's WFH allowance (winter months only)				
Lengthsman				
Election costs				
Replacement of wetpour in Farleigh Green playarea				
VAT	2,309.06		130.33	
		15,816.59		**4,616.43**
Closing Balances:				
Balances in Bank Account				102,339.06
Cash in Hand				
TOTAL		**106,955.49**		**106,955.49**