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# Annual Report

## Wem Rural Parish Council May 2022 to April 2023

My name is Huw Edwards and I'm very proud to be the Chair of Wem Rural Parish Council.

Thank you to all that attended our Annual Parish Meeting in the fabulous Edstaston Village Hall on 4 April 2023. Attendance was the best we've had for many years, possibly due to the topic that our guest speaker shared with you regarding the future of Broadband services across the parish. There was a lively debate and his presentation is available on our website. We will share news on this hot topic with you as we receive it.

For those that submitted written comments on a variety of topics on the night we are collating them and will support and action those we can or promote them to the correct authorities. Several attendees suggested that we should re-organise next years' meeting so there is more time for general discussion, which I support, so although this years' meeting had new elements, next years' will be different again.

It is important for me to highlight a few things that have happened since we last got together a year ago. We try hard to invest the funds that we have in projects that support and improve our neighbourhoods.

Some notable ones are:-

- the extension at Edstaston Village Hall
- the first phases of the Newtown School Car Park Extension
- various sports clubs and community services in Wem
- and the Whitchurch Road Cemetery Chapel were we have previously helped fund the restoration of the Victorian rush wall panels which have been nominated for an award.

Apart from becoming Chair late in 2022, supported by Cllr Peter Slack as Vice Chair, several new councillors have joined us during the year, Dee Morgan, William Minty, Andy Matthews, Jan Hilditch and John Britten. Welcome to you all and thanks for sharing your time and energies for the common good. Several councillors left us during the year so thanks to Ruth Williams and Stella Whyte for their service. Also we have recruited a Deputy Clerk, Helen McCabe to support us as our Clerk, Carole Warner reduces her involvement with a view to leaving us in mid 2023. Carole has been the mainstay of the Parish Council for many years so this is an opportunity for me to express my personal thanks for her support but also to echo the same appreciation from every other councillor, past and present.

Thank you all for your support.

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# Annual Financial Report 2022/23

Payments	Actual 2021/22	Actual 2022/23	Budget & Res C/Fwd 2023/24
<b>General Admin</b>			
Clerk Salary / Allowance / Emp NI	£11,467.59	£12,930.20	£12,500.00
Admin Expenses	£1,911.57	£1,541.97	£2,500.00
Audit	£396.25	£200	£400.00
Newsletter	£2,045.60	£1,587.70	£3,000.00
Website	£240.50	£139.75	£500.00
Insurance	£628.79	£747.94	£800.00
Subscriptions	£803.33	£731.11	£1,000.00
Training	£90.00	£690.00	£1,250.00
<b>Elections</b>	£0.00	£300.00	£300.00
<b>Other</b>			
Community Plan Actions	£769.00	-£423.76	£11,546.68
Neighbourhood Fund	£529.00	£0.00	£9,278.43
cPADS	£600.00	£165.00	£975.00
Grants and Donations	£3,200.00	£0.00	£8,800.00
General Power of Competence	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Community-Led Housing Grant	£0.00	£15,000.00	£1,230.16
Repairs	£61.47	£0.00	£900.00
Planters	£0.00	£590.00	£400.00
Play Equipment Inspection	£68.50	£70.00	£75.00
Edstaston Village Hall	£1,820.00	£0.00	£7,646.05
Community Account	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<b>Total Excl. VAT</b>	<b>£24,631.60</b>	<b>£34,269.91</b>	<b>£63,101.32</b>
VAT	£11,89.38	£677.18	£1,000.00
<b>Total Incl. VAT</b>	<b>£25,820.98</b>	<b>£34,947.09</b>	<b>£64,101.32</b>

Receipts	Actual 2021/22	Actual 2022/23	Budget 2023/24
Precept	£26,308.00	£26,844.00	£28,926.00
Interest	£4.48	£71.26	£15.00
VAT Refund	£892.21	£1,189.38	£1,000.00
Neighbourhood Fund	£3,085.08	£6,722.35	£0.00
Community Account	£0.00	£105.00	£0.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>£30,289.77</b>	<b>£34,931.99</b>	<b>£29,941.00</b>
Transfer from/to Reserves	£4,468.79	£15.10	£34,160.32
<b>Total</b>	<b>£25,820.98</b>	<b>£34,947.09</b>	<b>£64,101.32</b>

## Balances as at 31 March 2023 Reconciled Bank Balances

Current Account	£3,349.03
Deposit Account	£45,613.40
Community Account	£40.00
Grant Account	£2,088.66
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>£51,091.09</b>

## Represented by Reserves

Balance as at 1 April 2022	£51,106.19
Less excess payments over receipts	£15.10
<b>Balance as at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>£51,091.09</b>

## Reserves Breakdown as at 31 March 2023

<i>Earmarked Reserves</i>	
Legal Fees	£500.00
Website	£500.00
Neighbourhood Funds	£9,278.43
Community Plan Actions	£9,546.68
Community Grants	£4,800.00
Community-Led Housing	£1,230.16
Edstaston Village Hall	£7,646.05
cPADS	£405.00
Community Account	£40.00
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	£33,946.32
<i>Contingency Reserves</i>	£17,144.77
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	<b>£51,091.09</b>