

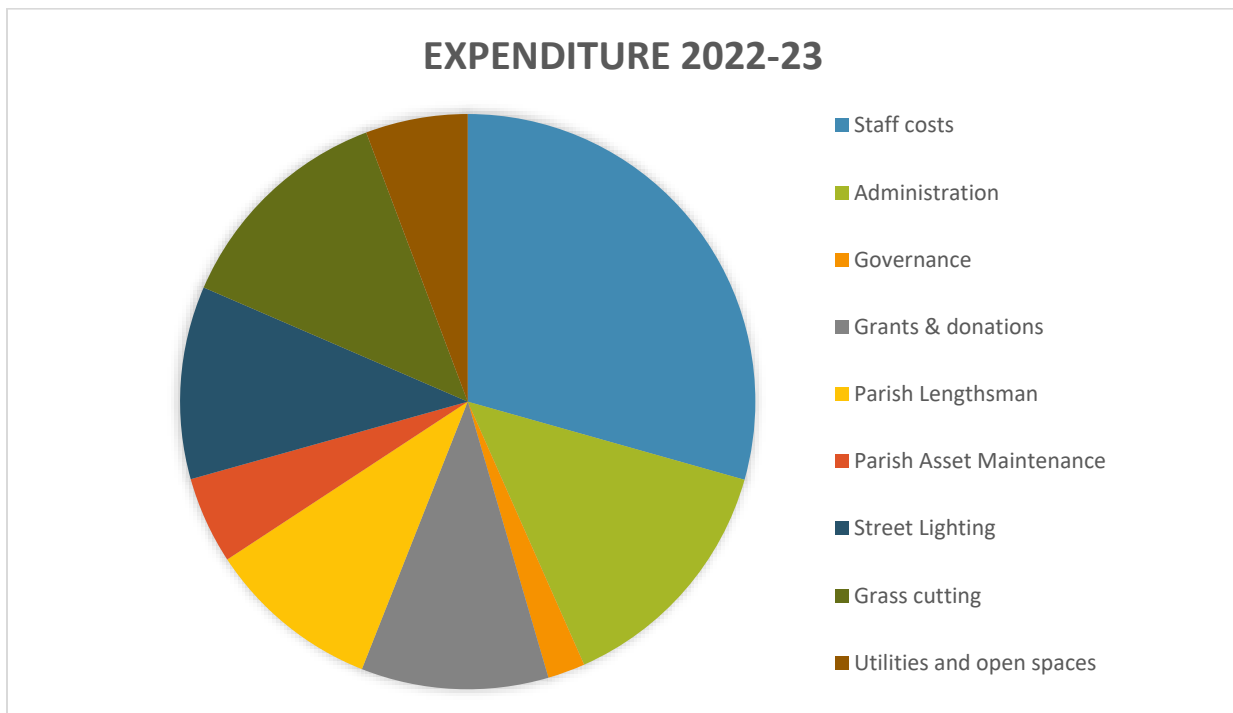
How does the Parish Council spend your money?

Every year between Nov & Jan, the Parish Council agrees an amount of precept to be charged via Malvern Hills District Council through your Council Tax.

In 2022-23 our annual precept has been agreed as £71,926.00 against our annual budgeted expenditure of £75,434.00. This means an average charge of approx. 92p per week for 2022-23 against band D properties paying Council Tax. An increase of approx. £15 p.a. at Band D.

Unfortunately, it is necessary to do this due to significantly increasing operational and maintenance costs. Our precept has remained fairly static for a number of years, raised only by the rate of inflation, if at all.

An illustrated breakdown of this expenditure is shown on the chart below.



Breakdown of Expenditure

- £15,000 Clerk employment costs / HMRC / NI / pension
- £11,500 Admin – parish newsletter/ stationery/ training/ phone & IT/ website/ Public Liability & buildings insurance policies
- £2,000 Governance - professional subscriptions & electoral fees
- £5,500 Grants & donations to local organisations & Rural Business Rate Relief

- £5,500 Parish Lengthsman scheme for highways maintenance
- £3,500 Parish Assets - bus shelters/litter bins/ notice boards/ play equipment/ parish clocks/ office equipment / speed signage / benches
- £10,000 Street lighting precept paid to Worcs CC to manage,replace and maintain local street lights
- £10,000 Grass cutting of two playing fields, non-Highways verges, unowned parish land
- £12,500 Buildings, utilities and open spaces - playing fields & pavilions management and maintenance costs

Our accounts are externally audited annually, in the same way as every other Local Authority, and these accounts, together with other financial reports, are published annually on our website

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