

# TOLLESHUNT MAJOR PARISH COUNCIL

## Explanation of variances – year ended 31.3.2024

- Variances of more than 15% between totals for individual boxes (except variances of less than £200);

<b>Section 2</b>	<b>2022-23 £</b>	<b>2023-24 £</b>	<b>Variance £</b>	<b>Variance %</b>	<b>Detailed explanation of variance (with amounts £)</b>
<b>Box 2</b> <i>Precept or Rates and Levies</i>	8,900	8,900	0	0	No explanation required
<b>Box 3</b> <i>Total other receipts</i>	2,808	1,681	-1,127	-40.13	See below
<b>Box 4</b> <i>Staff costs</i>	3,530	4,459	929	26.31	See below
<b>Box 5</b> <i>Loan interest/ capital repayments</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Box 6</b> <i>All other payments</i>	9,974	6,822	-3,152	-31.6	See below
<b>Box 9</b> <i>Total fixed assets &amp; long term investments &amp; assets</i>	80,307	80,307	0	0	Asset Register based on historic costs. No changes 2023-24.
<b>Box 10</b> <i>Total borrowings</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Explanation for 'high' reserves</b>	N/A				

Box 3 Total other receipts

<b>Item</b>	<b>Variance £</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Sponsored trees for playing field	-2,200	New trees planted in playing field 22/23 using sponsorship scheme
Tolleshunt Major Garden Club	209.20	23/24 Upon its closure the Garden Club made a donation for the planting of new trees and bulbs in the playing field
VAT reclaimed	863.41	Rise in VAT claim is reflection of spending in 23/24 which was subject to VAT
<b>Total</b>	<b>-1,127.39</b>	

Box 4 Staff costs

<b>Item</b>	<b>Variance £</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Clerk's salary	929	Backdated reimbursement made to clerk at Scale 10 from 1.4.21 to 1.12.23 for NALC pay awards 22-23 (£732).  From 1.12.23 clerk's pay was increased to SCP 10 hourly rate
<b>Total</b>	<b>929</b>	

Box 6 All other payments

<b>Item</b>	<b>Variance £</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Clerk's expenses	25.92	Not all travelling expenses claimed 22/23
Postage and stationery	-27.60	22-23 ICO Data Protection fee included under this heading, but under a separate heading in 23/24
Subscriptions	8.59	Nominal increase 23-24
Internet, telephone and website	1.00	Nominal increase 23-24
Insurance	3.60	Nominal increase 23-24
Audit fees	-200	External audit required 22-23 but not 23-24
Training	-22.5	No training undertaken 23-24
Silent Soldier	35.00	Poppy stakes purchased 23-24 to surround Silent Soldier

Election costs	124.95	May 23 local council elections held
Grounds maintenance	332.94	23-24 Revised schedule for grounds maintenance work
Play area inspection and repairs	-37.00	22-23 Charge was for an accompanied inspection – not so in 23-24
Playing field improvements	569	23-24 some repair work carried out to playing field equipment
Sponsored trees	-1,453.82	22-23 Sponsored trees purchased. Only two replacement trees purchased 23-24

Trucam patrols	50.01	23-24 Additional patrol
ICO Data Protection fee	40	23-24 This now under its own heading – previously included in postage/stationery
Defibrillator	405	23-24 Annual support years 6-8 paid for
Tree works	-490	23-24 No tree works carried out
Village Christmas tree	-200	23-24 No tree this year
Village celebrations	-69.69	22-23 Greater expenditure for Jubilee celebrations
Parish Council notice board	-1,960.13	22-23 New notice board purchased. 23-24 only replacement keys purchased
RCCE Housing Survey	268	23-24 housing survey carried out in the parish
VAT refund	-554.75	Reflects increased expenditure subject to VAT in 22-23
<b>Total</b>	<b>-3,151.48</b>	