

Income and Expenditure

Income: During the year the Parish Council's greatest sources of income have been the precept from Maldon District Council (£44,000.00) and £3,361.00 from letting the pavilion. £665.00 was received in grants and donations and £53.13 interest was accrued on the Parish Council's investment accounts. £385.00 was also received in allotment rental fees (11 allotments x £35.00 per plot per annum).

Expenditure: During the year to date £3,604.21 has been spent on general maintenance at the pavilion which includes repairing the ventilation shaft and guttering. Repairs to the pedestrian footpath in Church Hill (between Fairfields and the village sign) cost £1,248.00 and the council spent £6,211.58 on general administration, which included the sum of £2,186.98 on insurance, and £1,359.98 on the creation of a new website and its maintenance. The Parish Council really hopes that the new website will better serve the community and be much easier to navigate and update. The Parish Council has also spent £909.87 paying Maldon District Council to enforce parking restrictions in Pump Lane and Westerings and the speed limits in Chelmsford Road and Cock Clarks. £4,664.00 was spent on grass cutting up to 31st December 2022.

During the quarter the Parish Council donated £40 each to Farleigh Hospice; Essex & Herts Air Ambulance and the RNLI and £40 was given to the Royal British Legion to purchase a wreath which was laid at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday and a donation towards their work helping veterans and their families.

Save the Date

Purleigh Village Fete will be back, thanks to the commitment and efforts of the Purleigh Community Fund and will be held on Sunday, 2nd July 2023.

The Parish Council is very pleased to support and be involved with this great community event. Please look at the Purleigh parish (including Cock Clarks) Facebook page for more details and about how you can get involved.

PURLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL QUARTERLY REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL 2022 - 30th DECEMBER 2022

YOUR COUNCIL

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CHAIRMAN'S OVERVIEW OF THE QUARTER

Now in my third quarter as Chairman of the Parish Council and still as busy as ever. Unfortunately, due to personal reasons beyond anyone's control our Clerk, Jane Potter, was unable to attend the December meeting, the first time in some 26 years, and although her husband Mr Steven Potter did an excellent job as elected stand-in, the meeting was condensed into only the most important items being dealt with and some deferred to January's meeting, Jane was obviously greatly missed.

I expect Christmas was a busy time for everyone, albeit a tough one with the cost of living crisis still putting pressure on us all, along with energy prices and we've still got the COVID virus in the background, but we have a new year ahead of us now so let's try and be positive. I'm sure we will work our way through things in due course.

Although we have King Charles' Coronation to look forward to and discussions and ideas are already being shared as to what celebrations can be set up, managed and take place, let's not forget our dear Queen Elizabeth, who did so

much for all of us, for so long. My Vice Chairman, Mr Gavin Strathern, has again been invaluable to us all, with his help and support over the last few months in dealing with Council matters, especially to me and I would like to thank him for everything he has done.

I would also like to thank Graham Rayner for his help and support in assisting me with representing the Parish Council at the Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils and many other things along the way. Even with some personal issues going on in the background, he was still able to support us as much as he could and it will be nice to have him back at our meetings.

I would also like to thank Brian Oliver, who continues in his role as passenger transport representative, Steven Potter who remains Trustee to the Purleigh Education Foundation and remains our point of contact for the grass cutting contractor etc manages pavilion bookings. He also assists me with some of the small working party jobs we find ourselves doing, this I am very grateful for.

My thanks also go to Colin Ash, who very kindly inspects the children's Play Area on a weekly basis and reports as necessary and again to Gavin Strathern for his role as Parish Council's point of contact with Essex County Council during times of bad weather. Thank you to Karen Collier for her continued help with the Parish Council website, work still ongoing, but hope to go live early in 2023, we'll keep you updated.

Planning and highway matters are still taking up a lot of council time, especially the speeding issues along Hackmans Lane, Chelmsford Road, Fambridge Road, Maldon Road and Cold Norton Road. Although painfully slow, with yet another meeting arranged with ECC Highways in January. Cllr Jane Fleming has been incredibly helpful in this matter, working very hard behind the scenes on our behalf to try and push forward a resolution, many thanks Jane, your hard work is much appreciated.

Breaches in planning also remain an issue within our ward and we continue, along with Cllr Flemings help, to be proactive in dealing with these matters and support any residents that may be affected as much as we can.

One final thing, in November. Jane, Steven, Karen and her husband Richard joined myself and my wife Lynn at the Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils annual quiz night, the team worked well together and we came away with the first prize John Mardon trophy for the coming year, thank you team for all your hard work, let's hope we keep it in 2023.

Steve Bardwell.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

During the period 1st April 2022 to 31st December 2022 the Parish Council's income and investments amounted to £90,741.91 and in the same period it spent £40,715.33 on parishioners' behalf. At 31st December 2022 the following monies were held:

General Fund:	
Barclays Community (Current) Account	£1,602.54
Barclays Business Premium Account	£26,557.36
Petty Cash	£50.00
Earmarked Reserves:	
Capital Projects Fund	£14,508.77
Legacy account	<u>£7,307.91</u>
	£50,026.58

