

Walkern Parish Council

Detailed accounts for the year ended 31st March 2026

Receipts	Actual	Budget	Variance vs. budget	Note
<i>Precept</i>				
Precept	£ 31,500.00	£ 31,500.00	£ -	0%
TOTAL Precept	£ 31,500.00	£ 31,500.00	£ -	0%
<i>Other Receipts</i>				
Bank Interest	£ 1,658.88	£ 1,430.00	£ 228.88	16%
Miscellaneous Receipts	£ 5,055.90	£ -	£ 5,055.90	0% 1
VAT Repayments	£ 2,227.08	£ 1,926.00	£ 301.08	16%
TOTAL Other Receipts	£ 8,941.86	£ 3,356.00	£ 5,585.86	166%
TOTAL Receipts	£ 40,441.86	£ 34,856.00	£ 5,585.86	16%
Payments				
<i>Staff Costs</i>				
Parish Clerk Salary	£ 10,654.09	£ 10,718.00	£ 63.91	1%
Staff Salaries	£ 3,931.00	£ 3,780.00	-£ 151.00	-4%
Pension Contributions	£ 2,528.32	£ 2,400.00	-£ 128.32	-5%
TOTAL Staff Costs	£ 17,113.41	£ 16,898.00	-£ 215.41	-1%
<i>General Payments</i>				
Insurance	£ 2,159.12	£ 2,058.00	-£ 101.12	-5%
Telephone, stationery, postage	£ 60.00	£ 60.00	£ -	0%
Office Costs	£ 373.15	£ 360.00	-£ 13.15	-4%
Printing	£ 192.24	£ -	-£ 192.24	0%
Subscriptions	£ 239.73	£ 942.00	£ 702.27	75% 2
Payroll	£ 550.22	£ 222.00	-£ 328.22	-148% 3
Bookkeeping	£ 108.00	£ 101.00	-£ 7.00	-7%
Audit	£ 654.00	£ 416.00	-£ 238.00	-57% 4
Website costs	£ 1,172.40	£ 1,008.00	-£ 164.40	-16%
Wreath for Remembrance Sunday	£ 25.00	£ 25.00	£ -	0%
Miscellaneous Payments	£ 748.40	£ 360.00	-£ 388.40	-108% 5
Councillor Training/Updating	£ 60.00	£ 120.00	£ 60.00	50%
Councillor Expenses	£ -	£ -	£ -	0%
Bank charges	£ 73.00	£ 72.00	-£ 1.00	-1%
TOTAL General Payments	£ 6,415.26	£ 5,744.00	-£ 671.26	-12%
<i>Maintenance</i>				
Dog Waste Bin Cleaning	£ 2,163.35	£ 2,017.00	-£ 146.35	-7%
Playground Inspection	£ 480.53	£ 500.00	£ 19.47	4%
Sports Field maintenance	£ 2,850.00	£ 3,450.00	£ 600.00	17% 6
Street Lighting	£ 4,369.02	£ 2,776.00	-£ 1,593.02	-57% 7
WSCC	£ 2,210.40	£ -	-£ 2,210.40	0% 8
Playground maintenance	£ 4,721.08	£ 924.00	-£ 3,797.08	-411% 9
General maintenance	£ 2,630.14	£ 1,403.00	-£ 1,227.14	-87% 9
TOTAL Maintenance	£ 19,424.52	£ 11,070.00	-£ 8,354.52	-75%
<i>Grants & Donations</i>				
Donations	£ 100.00	£ -	-£ 100.00	0%
Grants	£ 2,250.00	£ 2,000.00	-£ 250.00	-13%
TOTAL Grants & Donations	£ 2,350.00	£ 2,000.00	-£ 350.00	-18%
<i>Capital Expenditure</i>				
Sports field picnic area fencing	£ 4,020.00	£ -	-£ 4,020.00	0% 10
High Street playground renewal	£ 94,824.00	£ -	-£ 94,824.00	0% 11
TOTAL Capital Expenditure	£ 98,844.00	£ -	-£ 98,844.00	0%
TOTAL Payments	£ 144,147.19	£ 35,712.00	-£ 108,435.19	-304%

Movement in balances

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Excess of receipts over payments	-£ 103,705.33	-£ 856.00	-£ 102,849.33
Opening balance	£ 125,947.09	£ 125,947.09	
Closing balance	£ 22,241.76	£ 125,091.09	

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Bank accounts

Current Account	£	2,382.64	
Instant Access Account	£	24,658.88	
Total bank balances	£	27,041.52	
Less: Altmts & Horsefield net receipts	-£	4,799.76	
	£	<u>22,241.76</u>	£ -

BANK RECONCILIATION

Balance per statement	£	2,382.64
Uncleared transactions	£	-
True balance	£	<u>2,382.64</u>

RESERVES

General Reserve	£	28,970.92	
S106 Reserves			
High Street Playground Maintnce	£	9,440.02	
High Street Playground Renewal	-£	16,169.18	
	£	<u>22,241.76</u>	£ -

TRANSACTIONS SINCE LAST REPORT

Payee	Description	Reserve	
BWP Creative Ltd	Website maintenance - 24/01/26-23/02/26	General	-£ 72.00
TJ Harris	Horse field rent	Rec Grnd charity	£ 80.00
Hertfordshire County Council	Clerk's pension - Feb	General	-£ 312.86
M A Daly	Litterpicking - March	General	-£ 327.55
Numerus	Month ending 05/04/26	General	-£ 111.60
East Herts District Council	Play area inspection - HS & Aubries 2023	General	-£ 127.56
Ringway	Replacement of street light C30-FL-0001R High	General	-£ 777.78
Castle Water	Allotment water rates	Rec Grnd charity	-£ 96.48
Abi Brown	Clerk's SIM - March	General	-£ 5.00
NSALG	NSALG subscription	Rec Grnd charity	-£ 101.50
East Herts District Council	Emptying 2 additional dog bins - Oct '23 - Mar '24	General	-£ 184.72
GAL Services	Rub down, paint & install new wood on 3 benches	S106 Playgrnd mnt	-£ 440.00
Hertfordshire County Council	Street lights 2025/26	General	-£ 2,134.18
Michelle Hilton	Playground - Jan & Feb	S106 Playgrnd mnt	-£ 80.00
Abi Brown	Salary - March	General	-£ 646.02
Abi Brown	Home office - March	General	-£ 30.00
Unity Trust Bank	Service charge	General	-£ 7.00
Unity Trust Bank	Interest	General	£ 157.78

NOTES

- £3k grant for WSCC play area fencing + £1,871 S106 for High St playground.
- HAPTC subscription terminated
- New payroll provider
- External audit fee doubled (£504) due to S106 High Street playground monies received
- £748 unbudgeted legal fees for transfer of Froghall Lane cemetery to WPC
- Reduced number of cuts
- 2024/25 and 2025/26 both paid this year
- No budget for WSCC maintenance
- Includes Jan, Feb & Mar gardening bills + £1,490 wood for benches and £550 for two bins not budgeted
- Budgeted in 2024/25 not 2025/26.
- £79,020 grant received last year. That, plus £15,804 VAT, spent this year but VAT recoverable next year. Consequently, true deficit this year is £103,705 - £79,020 - £15,804 = £8,881