

COVINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Annual report

1 April 2021 – 31st March 2022

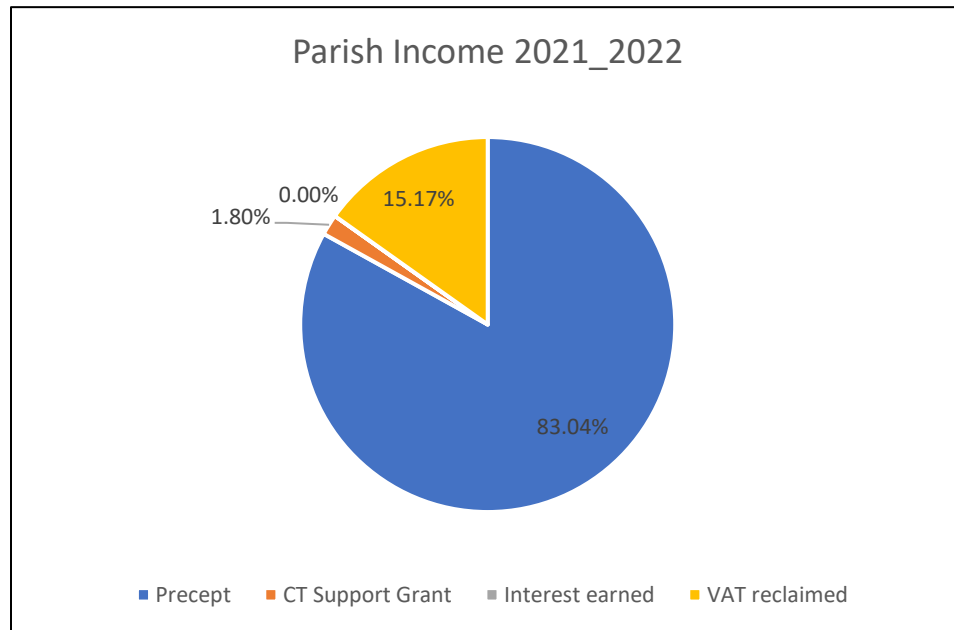
Cllr Derek Benfield

- The Parish Council was pleased to start the new council year by honoring Cllr Derek Benfield with the Freedom of the Parish of Covingham to mark his 30+ years of service to the residents.



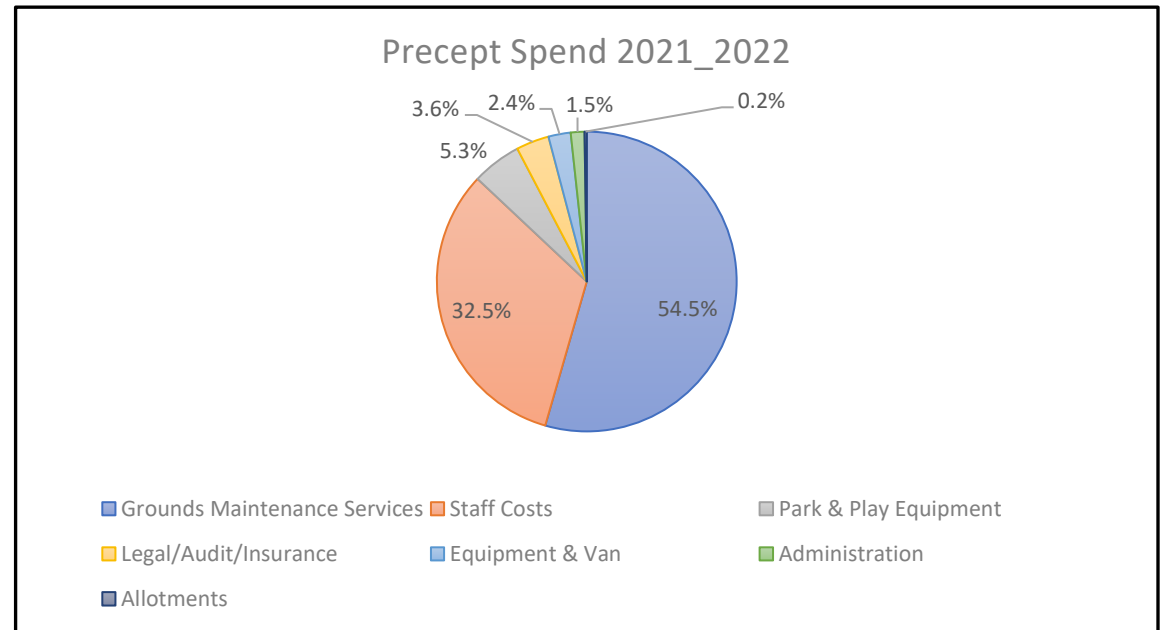
Finance – how the precept was spent

- Income



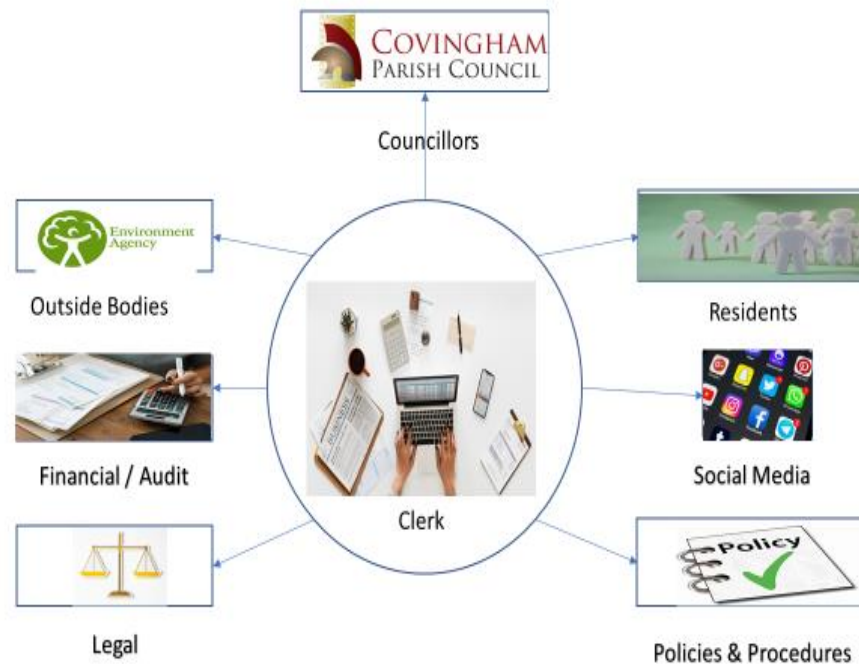
Income - £153,421.63

- Expenditure



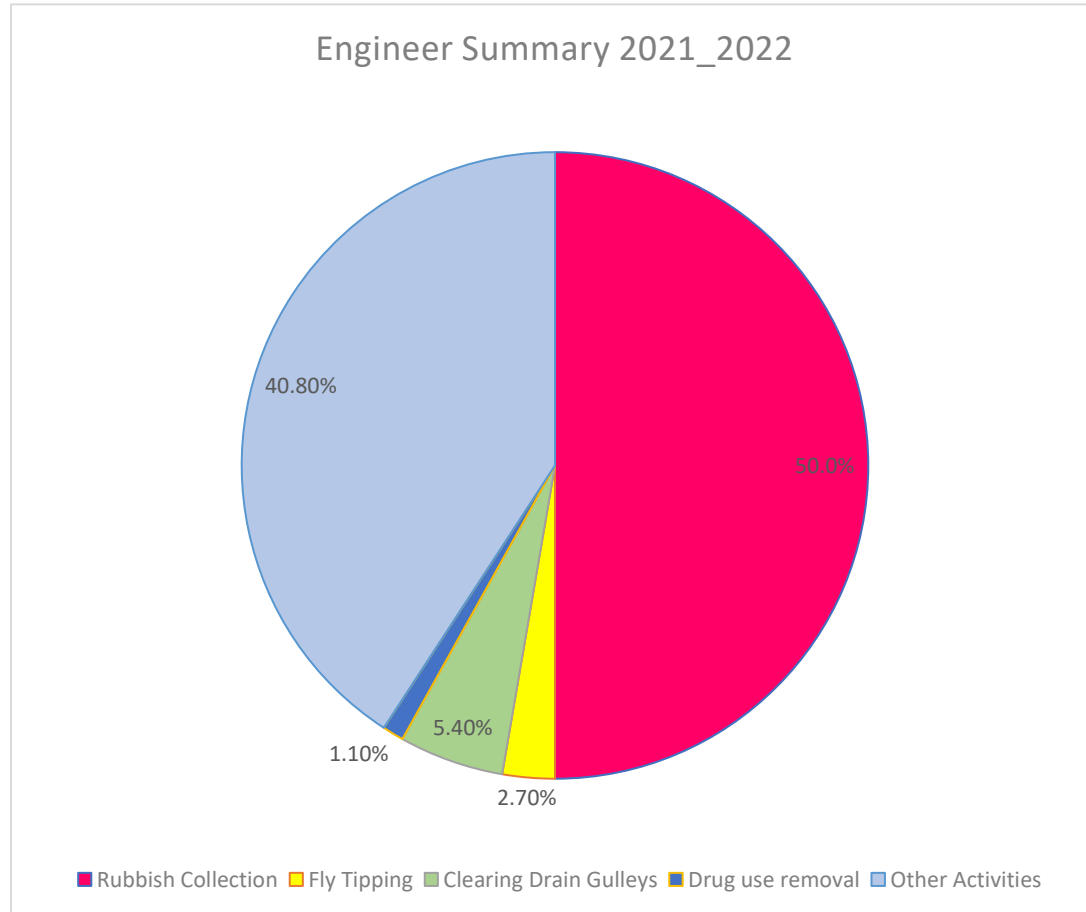
Expenditure - £104,702.15

Our staff – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer - Laura



- Employed for 70 hours per month
- Provides full administration support of all Parish Council papers and meetings
- Responsible for the management and control of all financial matters
- Ensures the Parish Council complies with all applicable legislation
- Prepares and collates all information required for the audits
- Liaises with residents and all outside bodies

Our staff - Maintenance Engineers - Simon and Michael



- Employed for 20 hours per week, to work 5 days out of 6
- 2741 bags (20 tonnes) of litter removed
- 155 instances of fly tipping dealt with
- 12 instances of needles removed and disposed of
- 597 N20 cartridges removed
- 399 drain gulleys cleared
- 132 occasions of epicormic growth removal
- Dorcan Stream checked for blockages weekly
- Graffiti removed on 11 occasions
- 12 Supermarket trolleys returned to the store

Parks and play equipment

- Daily safety checks, 6 days out of 7 of all play and exercise equipment
- Monthly safety inspection of all play and exercise equipment
- Annual safety inspection carried out by ROSPA
- Repair and maintenance as required



Grounds Maintenance Services Contract

- 16 grass cuts a year
- 2 hedge cuts
- 16 dog bins emptied every week
- Road sweeping once a year
- Uplifting trees (approx. 70 this year)
- Additional work as and when required, e.g., hedge reduction at Firecrest



Additional achievements

- Welcomed 3 new members - Debbie Kay, Kashif Khan and Sumon Roy
- Successfully completed both Audits with a clean bill of health and no advisories
- Responded to 30 planning applications, some of which related to the New Eastern Villages Development
- Replaced 1 litter bin
- Purchased 4 dog bins – 3 replacements and 1 additional
- Supplied three new flower boxes for residents to maintain
- Developed an effective working relationship with the local Neighbourhood Police Team that has resulted in a reduction of anti-social behaviour and drug dealing within Covingham

Memorial tree and Commemoration stone

- Unveiled by Cllr Derek Benfield in his capacity as Freeman of the Parish of Covingham and Craig Love from G&L Evans who kindly donated the stone



Work in progress

- Finalise the amendment to the lease for Covingham Park to include the outlying areas
- Continue to lobby Swindon Borough Council and the Environment Agency to stabilize Dorcan Brook bank and reinstate the footpath along St Pauls Drive
- To obtain the license to install objects on a highway to use Speed Indicator Devices on the four main routes in Covingham
- Continue to pursue Swindon Borough Council for appropriate road signs to stop HGVs attempting to access Dorcan Trading Estate via the Redrow Estate
- Negotiate remedial works to Firecrest prior to the play area being transferred to the Parish Council who will then refurbish the equipment



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