

Deeping St James Parish Council
ANNUAL RETURN - Section 2 : Statement of Accounts

Explanation of variances

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Box No.	Description	31/03/2024 £	31/03/2025 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	189422.04	206043.77				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	198399.00	212000.50	13601.50	7%	No	

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3	Total other receipts	17642.23	124684.31	107042.08	607%	Yes	<p>The following grants were received in 24/25 but not in 23/24 -</p> <p>£29220 to cover the cost of the LCWIP consultation and report</p> <p>£15864.40 to purchase 8 oak noticeboards</p> <p>£1845.23 to purchase flood defence equipment</p> <p>£611.89 for the Coronation Community Orchard project</p> <p>£23425.00 to cover the costs of a the Jubilee Park consultation and design works</p> <p>£10860.82 towards biodiversity projects at Jubilee Park and in DSJ Cemetery</p> <p>Section 106 monies totalling £15602.29 towards two bus shelters was received in 24/25 but not in 23/24</p> <p>Donations of £1600 towards and income totalling £1260.30 was received from the first Funday Sunday event in 2024/25 but not in 23/24</p> <p>Donations of £2100 towards the second Funday Sunday event were received in 2024/25 but not in 23/24</p> <p>More income was received in 24/25 than 23/24 for the following - £2155.90 more Highway verge grass cutting contribution</p> <p>£776.05 more Allotment fees</p> <p>£760 more Burial fees</p> <p>£1023.42 more Bank interest</p>

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4	Staff Costs	100840.40	117734.63	16894.23	17%	Yes	<p>On 1 April 2024 the Clerk's and Assistant Clerk's contracted hours of work increased from 25 to 30 per week and they both received an increase in their hourly rate of pay meaning that -</p> <p>The Clerk was paid £4157.87 more in 2024/25 than in 2023/24</p> <p>The Assistant Clerk was paid £3701.65 more in 2024/25 than in 2023/24</p> <p>Maintenance Worker 1 was paid £787.67 more in 2024/25 than in 2023/24 due to an increase in their hourly rate of pay and because they worked some additional hours</p> <p>Maintenance Worker 2 was paid £734.40 more in 2024/25 than in 2023/24 due to an increase in their hourly rate of pay</p> <p>Maintenance worker 3 was paid £69.50 more in 2024/25 than in 2023/24 due to an increase in their hourly rate of pay (however they worked less hours in 2024/25 than in 2023/24)</p> <p>These increased hours and rates of pay increased the PAYE and NIC and Pension</p> <p>The PAYE and NIC payments were £2502.30 more in 2024/25 than in 2023/24</p> <p>The pension contributions were £5028.94 more in 2024/25 than in 2023/24</p>
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	

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6	Total other payments	98579.10	190859.93	92280.83	94%	Yes	The following payments were made in 24/25 but not in 23/24 using the grant funding and s106 monies received in 24/25 but not in 23/24 £11760 for two new bus shelters £1176 for information boards for Jubilee Park biodiversity area £257 for the irrigation system for the community orchard £343.33 for 10 trees for the community orchard £560 for hedge plants for the cemetery biodiversity project £788 for wild flower plug plants for the cemetery community orchard project £24150 for the services for the LCWIP consultants £23238 for the services of the Jubilee Park consultation and design consultants £5625 for landscaping at Jubilee Park and the community orchard £15864.40 to purchase 8 oak noticeboards for around the Parish £2000 to purchase an inflatable flood containment barrier £387.22 to purchase a pump for the above £3668.00 for a reactive speed indicator device £1731.92 for a noticeboard for outside the Parish Council office
7	Balances carried forward	206043.77	234134.02	28090.25	14%	No	
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	202826.41	216596.85	13770.44	7%	No	

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9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	518203.00	557230.00	39027.00	8%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	

This report is intended as a guide to the variances you may need to explain. The specific requirements vary between external auditors so please check the requirements shown on the pro forma provided to your council

Please note a breakdown of approved reserves will also be required if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2)