

MARSTOW PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES - FINANCE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024

PREPARED 17 APRIL 2024

Income

The precept once again remained unchanged at £9500.

The Council are minded of the cost increases facing residents and families and therefore the resolution has been made that the precept will also remain at this level for the next financial year 2024 / 2025.

Payments

Some really good news – the parish now have 2 working defibrillators for emergency public use located at Glewstone Greenways Cottage and at Pencraig located at the parish council notice board.

Our thanks go to Mr and Mrs McLelland for allowing a unit to be attached to their property and kindly providing the electricity required and also to Chairman Alfie Williams and family for purchasing the second unit and donating this to the parish at Pencraig and also supplying electricity. The parish council have resolved to maintain these units with annual inspections and replacement parts as required.

Other than defibrillator purchase there has been no other major spend in comparison to the community commissioning model expenditure last year on road safety improvements through Balfour Beatty and Herefordshire Council in consideration of the increased commuter traffic through Glewstone.

Parish churchyard - the council admire the hard work carried out maintaining our parish church and are grateful to the volunteer team. As a measure of support and appreciation the council contribute towards the churchyard maintenance costs and also hold all public council meetings at this location.

Maintenance work – Balfour Beatty and our locality steward have provided cost effective maintenance work on drainage issues and repairing grips and gulleys as well as pothole repairs where budget costs have allowed.

Lengthsman work - the council will be reviewing the lengthsman scheme most probably providing an alternative outlook and strategy.

As a result of general inflation some costs have increased slightly but the total payments are reduced to the previous year.

Finally – a welcome to our new coopted member Mandy McLelland who has replaced Tom Watson following his resignation.

We all thank Tom for all his time given to us and ever cheerful and willing regular volunteer work to help keep our parish such a good place to live and wish him all good health. Always a warm welcome Tom when you visit us!