

MENDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

SUPPORTING STATEMENT TO THE ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2017

1. **BORROWINGS**

During the year ending 31.3.13, the Council received a loan advance from the Public Works Loan Board to finance a replacement street lighting project. This borrowing was approved by the Department for Communities and Local Government 1.5.12 ref 2012-13 (10). The original amount of the loan drawn down was £34000 over 20 years, £1129.27 half yearly repayments on 5th January/5 July, with a fixed interest rate 2.93%. The amount of the loan outstanding as at 31.3.17 was £27974.95.

2. **LEASES**

At 31 March 2017 no leases were in operation

3. **OUTSTANDING DEBTS**

At 31 March 2017 amounts of £223.70 were outstanding and due to the Council.

The ages of these debts were:

Less than 3 months old: Refundable VAT – claim still to be received. £223.70.

4. **TENANCIES**

The Council entered into the following tenancies/licence :

Under the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995:21.4.06 Tenant James Pipe re 4.35 acres land at Mendlesham Green. Rental £195pa.

1.4.15-31.3.16 Licensee Mrs Rachel Rozier re 1.20 acres land at Mendlesham Green. Rental £130pa.

1.4.15-31.3.16 Licensee SD and MJ Exley re 2.47 acres land at Mendlesham Green Rental £98.80pa.

5. **SECTION 137 /POWER OF COMPETENCE PAYMENTS**

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish Councils to spend up to the product of £7.42 per head of electorate for the benefit of people in the area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers. With an electorate of 1142, the limit for this Council in the year ended 31 March 2017 was £8473.64. No Section 137 Payments have been made in this financial year because the Council passed a resolution on 19th May 2015 that Mendlesham Parish Council was eligible to use the General Powers of Competence (Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012 and until the Annual Meeting of Mendlesham Parish Council after the next ordinary election, Mendlesham Parish Council is eligible to use the Power of Competence.

The following Power of Competence payments have been made:

Payee	Nature of Payment	Amount
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Mendlesham 2016/17	38.00
Street Cleaner	Additional street cleaning	457.26
Suffolk Preservation Soc	Annual Membership	30.00
East Anglian Air Ambulance	Donation	125.00

Suffolk Accident Rescue	Donation	125.00
Suffolk Age UK	Donation	200.00
St Elizabeth Hospice	Donation	200.00
Mendlesham & Wickham Skeith First Responders	Donation	100.00
Total		1275.26

Other donations within powers :

Mendlesham Green Chapel Burial Ground Years ending 31.3.17	Donation re grasscutting	24.50
Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	200.00
Fields in Trust	Membership 2016/17	50.00
Total		274.50

6. AGENCY WORK

The Council undertook no agency work during the year ending 31 March 2017.

7. ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY

None undertaken this year.

8. PENSIONS

The Council did not contribute to any pensions or superannuation schemes.

9. CAPITAL RESERVES:

Mendlesham Parish Council has no capital reserves as at 31.3.17.

10. EARMARKED RESERVES :

Grants held as at 31 March 2017:

There are no grants received during the year ending 31.3.17 that have not been spent during the year.

Earmarked Reserves as at 31 March 2017:

Scout Hut: Property Demolition Fund (*Ord meeting 7.5.08,
name change ordinary meeting 2.4.14*),

£

1165.00

Fund to improve facilities at Mendlesham Playingfields
(*Ord meeting 8.3.17, 8l, p1474*)

10000.00

Mendlesham's Woodland (<i>Ord meeting 11.1.17 9d, p1461</i>)	5000.00
War Memorial fund : Fund as at 31.3.17. Decrease £95.91 insurance premium 2016/17	11835.20
Hard Courts Fund: (<i>Ord meeting 2.4.14 (5c,p 1228)</i>)	454.91
Mendlesham Community Centre Contingency fund: (<i>Ord meeting 11.1.17 9d, p1461</i>)	5000.00
Asset Renewal Provision <i>Increased £1500 2016/17 provision, not spent.</i> (<i>Ord meeting 11.1.17 9d, p1461</i>)	4500.00
Churchyard Maintenance <i>St Marys Church grasscutting grant 2016/17</i> (<i>Ord meeting 8.3.17, 8c, p1474</i>)	1376.00
Total earmarked reserves as at 31.3.17	39331.11

The Council has also used the following grants in the year to 31 March 2017:

Street Cleaning Mid Suffolk District Council	1638.00
Woodland grant Rural Payments Agency	171.60
Mendlesham Community Centre Rejuvenation Suffolk County Council Locality grant	3000.00
Total	4809.60

11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Council does not expect to incur any material contingent losses or costs.