MENDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

SUPPORTING STATEMENT TO THE ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2018

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 drawndown 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 31.3.18 was £26,525.53.

2. LEASES

At 31 March 2018 no leases were in operation

3. OUTSTANDING DEBTS

At 31 March 2018 amounts of £65 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. £65.

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.

1.4.17-31.3.18 Licensee Mrs Rachel Rozier re 1.20 acres land at Mendlesham Green. Rental £130pa.

1.4.17-31.3.18 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 £7.57 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 1159, the limit for this Council in the year ended 31 March 2018 was £8773.63. 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 |
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| Suffolk Wildlife Trust | Annual Membership | 38.00 |
| Street Cleaner | Additional street cleaning | 465.21 |
| Suffolk Preservation Soc | Annual Membership 2017-18 and 2018-19 | 60.00 |
| 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 | | 1313.21 |

Other donations within powers :

| Mendlesham Green Chapel Burial Ground Year ending 31.3.17 | Donation re grasscutting | 122.35 |
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| Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau | Donation | 500.00 |
| Fields in Trust | Membership 2017/18 | 50.00 |
| Mendlesham Community Centre | CCTV and security lighting | 5617.90 |
| Total | | 6290.25 |

6. AGENCY WORK

The Council undertook no agency work during the year ending 31 March 2018.

7. ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY

None undertaken this year.

8. PENSIONS

The Council contributes to a NEST pension scheme.

9. CAPITAL RESERVES:

Mendlesham Parish Council has no capital reserves as at 31.3.18.

10. EARMARKED RESERVES:

| Earmarked Reserves as at 31 March 2018: | £ |
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| Scout Hut: Property Demolition Fund (Ord meeting 7.5.08, name change ordinary meeting 2.4.14) | 1165.00 |
| Playingfields Projects (Ord meeting 10.1.18 ,10e, p1537) | 20000.00 |
| Mendlesham's Woodland (Ord meeting 11.1.17 9d, p1461) | 5000.00 |
| War Memorial fund: Fund as at 31.3.18. Decrease £99.99 insurance premium 2017/18 Decrease £16.41 replacement flag ropes Plus bank interest | 11724.68 |
| Hard Courts Fund: (Ord meeting 2.4.14 (5c,p 1228) | 454.91 |
| Mendlesham Community Centre Contingency fund: (Ord meeting 11.1.17 9d, p1461) | 5000.00 |
| Neighbourhood Plan: (Ord meeting 10.1.18, 10e, p1538 £1300 Ord meeting 16.5.18 7d £6000 grant) | 7300.00 |
| Asset Renewal Provision Increased £1500 2017/18 provision, not spent. (Ord meeting 16.5.18 7d) | 6000.00 |
| Churchyard Maintenance St Marys Church grasscutting grant 2016/17 and 2017/18. Committed tree works grant (Ord meeting 6.12.17 8b,p1531, Ord meeting 16.5.18 7d) | 2653.65 |
| Mendlesham Green Telephone Box Project (Ord meeting 10.1.18, 10e, p1538) | 3000.00 |
| Housing Survey (Ord meeting 10.1.18, 10e, p1538) | 4000.00 |
| Community Infrastructure Levy Unspent funds received ye 31.3.18 (Ord meeting 16.5.18 7d) | 67.10 |

Total earmarked reserves as at 31.3.18

66365.34

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The Council has also used the following grants in the year to 31 March 2018

| Street Cleaning Mid Suffolk District Council | 1428.72 |
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| Works to 50 50 shop Mendlesham Community Council | 397.54 |
| Community PAT Testing Mendlesham Community Council | 75.00 |
| Works to new playingfield Sport England | 2075.00 |
| Total | 3976.26 |

Grants held as at 31 March 2018:

A Mid Suffolk District Council Locality Grant 6000.00 to assist with the Mendlesham Revised Neighbourhood Plan.

11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

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