

**MENDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**SUPPORTING STATEMENT TO THE ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

**1. BORROWINGS**

During the year ending 31 March 2013, 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 May 2012 ref 2012-13 (10). The original amount of the loan drawdown was £34,000 over 20 years, £1,129.27 half yearly repayments on 5<sup>th</sup> January/5 July, with a fixed interest rate 2.93%. The amount of the loan outstanding as at 31 March 2023 was £18,610.96.

**2. LEASES**

At 31 March 2023 no leases were in operation

**3. OUTSTANDING DEBTS**

On 31 March 2023 amounts of £1,183.42 were outstanding and due to the Council. £1,183.42 VAT claim was due from HM Revenue and Customs for vat paid for the period 1 March 2023 to 31 March 2023. The ages of these debts were:

**Less than 3 months old:** £1,183.42 VAT as at 31.3.23, reimbursed 5.5.23. Total £905.00 playing field hire owed as at 31.3.23, of which £820 paid by 26.4.23 leaving £85 to be paid.

**More than 3 months old:** Nil

**4. TENANCIES**

The Council entered into the following tenancies/licence :

Under the Agricultural Tenancies Act 1995: 21 April 2006. Tenant James Pipe re 4.35 acres land at Mendlesham Green. Rental £195 p.a.

1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 Licensee Mrs P Hails and Mr J Hails re 1.20 acres land at Mendlesham Green. Rental £205.10 p.a.

**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 £8.82 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 1174, the limit for this Council in the year ended 31 March 2023 was £10,354.68. No Section 137 Payments have been made in this financial year because the Council passed a resolution on 15th May 2019 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
Street Cleaner	Additional street cleaning	803.90
Stowmarket Food Bank	Donation	200.00
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Membership	38.00
Page 1 <b>Total</b>		<b>1,041.90</b>

Other donations within powers :

Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	200.00
Fields in Trust	Membership	65.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership	187.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>452.00</b>

**6. AGENCY WORK**

The Council undertook no agency work during the year ending 31 March 2023.

**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 March 2023

**10. EARMARKED RESERVES :**

<b>Earmarked Reserves as at 31 March 2023:</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Playingfields Projects:</b> Decrease £80.80 MUGA/WSA project at Mendlesham	1,813.60
<b>Mendlesham's Woodland:</b> Decrease £2,480 Tree work	803.60
<b>34th War Memorial fund :</b> Increase of bank interest £22.08	11,662.66
<b>Mendlesham Community Centre Contingency fund:</b> <i>Ord meeting 11 January 2017 9d, p1461</i>	5,000.00
<b>Neighbourhood Plan:</b> Decrease £345.58 transferred back to General Reserves further to adoption of plan Nov 22. <i>Page 2</i>	0.00

<b>Asset Renewal Provision:</b> Increased £6,700 2022/2023 provision not spent. <i>Ord meeting 5 April 2023</i>	23,400.00
<b>Mendlesham Green Telephone Box Project:</b> <i>Ord meeting 10 January 2018 10e, p1538</i>	268.55
<b>Community Infrastructure Levy:</b> Increase £29,402.41 as received	38,263.09
<b>Community Centre LED lights:</b> <i>MSDC grant Ord meeting 6 March 2019 7c p1644</i>	3,000.00
<b>Data Breach Reserve:</b> <i>Ord meeting 10 March 2021 8c,p1846</i>	2,000.00
<b>Mendlesham CLT:</b> Decrease £580.36, membership National CLT Association, reimbursement of clerk time.	977.09
<b>Water project:</b> MSDC Locality grant £3,500.	2,750.16
<b>Sound Project:</b> MSDC Locality grant £3,200.	300.00
<b>Street Furniture</b> <i>Decrease £1,895.60 refurbishment Mendlesham Village sign.</i>	1,104.40
<b>Design Costs New Hall Build</b> MSDC Locality grant £13,700	13,700.00
<b>Total earmarked reserves as at 31 March 2023</b>	<b>105,043.15</b>

The Council has also used the following grants in the year to 31 March 2023

<b>Street Cleaning</b> Mid Suffolk District Council	1,729.00
<b>Mess Free Mendlesham</b> Mid Suffolk District Council Locality Grant : £200	153.10
<b>Total</b> Page 3	<b>1,882.10</b>





**Grants held as at 31 March 2023:**

Mid Suffolk District Council Locality Grant to assist with Community Centre LED lighting project .	3,000.00
Sound Equipment MSDC Locality grant originally £3,200	300.00
Water project: MSDC Locality grant originally £3,500	2,750.16
Mendlesham CLT MSDC grant received originally £4,000 to facilitate formation Mendlesham CLT	977.09
Design Costs New Hall Build MSDC Locality grant £13,700	13,700.00
Mess Free Mendlesham Mid Suffolk District Council Locality Grant Unspent balance	46.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,774.15</b>

**11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

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

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