

MENDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL
SUPPORTING STATEMENT TO THE ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

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 5th January/5 July, with a fixed interest rate 2.93%. The amount of the loan outstanding as at 31 March 2025 was £15,108.45.

2. LEASES

At 31 March 2025 no leases were in operation

3. OUTSTANDING DEBTS

On 31 March 2025 amounts of £1,560.53 were outstanding and due to the Council.
£ 758.03 VAT claim was due from HM Revenue and Customs for vat paid for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025. The ages of these debts were:

Less than 3 months old: £758.03 VAT as at 31.3.25

More than 3 months old: £802.50 playingfield hire

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 2024 to 31 March 2025 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 £10.81 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 1208, the limit for this Council in the year ended 31 March 2025 was £13,058.48. No Section 137 Payments have been made in this financial year because the Council passed a resolution on 17th May 2023 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 approved at meeting held 5th March 2025 but not made until after year end:

Payee	Nature of Payment	Amount
Stowmarket Food Bank	Donation	200.00
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Membership	38.00
Total		238.00

Other donations within powers :

Note: Donation for Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau approved at meeting held 5th March 2025 but not made until after year end.

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Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	200.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership	190.00
Total		390.00

6. AGENCY WORK

The Council undertook no agency work during the year ending 31 March 2025.

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 2025

10. EARMARKED RESERVES :

Earmarked Reserves as at 31 March 2025:	£
Mendlesham's Woodland:	803.60
34th War Memorial fund :	11,786.86
Mendlesham Community Centre Contingency fund: <i>Ord meeting 11 January 2017 9d, p1461</i>	5,000.00
Asset Renewal Provision: <i>Ord meeting 5 April 2023</i>	30,100.00
Mendlesham Green Telephone Box Project: <i>Ord meeting 10 January 2018 10e, p1538</i>	268.55
Community Infrastructure Levy: Increase £18,595.71 as received	112,365.95
Community Centre LED lights: <i>MSDC grant Ord meeting 6 March 2019 7c p1644</i>	3,000.00
Data Breach Reserve: <i>Ord meeting 10 March 2021 8c,p1846</i>	2,000.00
Mendlesham CLT: Decrease £341.50, membership National CLT Association, reimbursement of clerk time.	283.14

Water project: MSDC Locality grant £3,500.	2,750.16
Sound Project: MSDC Locality grant £3,200.	300.00
Street Furniture	1,104.40
Design Costs New Hall Build MSDC Locality grant £13,700	13,700.00
Total earmarked reserves as at 31 March 2025	183,462.66

The Council has also used the following grants in the year to 31 March 2025

Street Cleaning Mid Suffolk District Council	2,556
Minibus Hire Grant for Year 1 of service	23,680
Total	26,236

Grants held as at 31 March 2025:

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	283.14
Design Costs New Hall Build MSDC Locality grant £13,700	13,700.00
Mid Suffolk District Council Pride in Your Place grant total £400	34.75
Total	20,068.05

11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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

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