

**MENDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**SUPPORTING STATEMENT TO THE ACCOUNTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2026**

**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 2026 was £13,279.29.

**2. LEASES**

At 31 March 2026 no leases were in operation

**3. OUTSTANDING DEBTS**

On 31 March 2026 amounts of £1,832.13 were outstanding and due to the Council.

The ages of these debts were:

**Less than 3 months old:** £216.71 allotment rent

**More than 3 months old:** £730.00 playingfield hire, £885.42 Community Centre Charity to reimburse PC due to Charity banking issues

**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 2025 to 31 March 2026 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 £11.10 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 1228, the limit for this Council in the year ended 31 March 2026 was £13,630.80. 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 payment to Stowmarket foodbank was approved at meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 but not made until after year end. Membership to Suffolk Wildlife Trust was approved at meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 but no membership renewal received before year end.

Payee	Nature of Payment	Amount
Stowmarket Food Bank	Donation	200.00
Suffolk Wildlife Trust	Membership	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>200.00</b>

Other donations within powers:

Mid Suffolk Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	200.00
Society of Local Council Clerks	Membership	200.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>400.00</b>

**6. AGENCY WORK**

The Council undertook no agency work during the year ending 31 March 2026.

**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 2026

**10. EARMARKED RESERVES :**

<b>Earmarked Reserves as at 31 March 2026:</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Mendlesham's Woodland:</b>	1,029.63
<b>34th War Memorial fund :</b>	11,999.35
<b>Mendlesham Community Centre Contingency fund:</b> <i>Ord meeting 11 January 2017 9d, p1461</i>	5,000.00
<b>Asset Renewal Provision:</b> <i>Ord meeting 5 April 2023</i>	39,050.24
<b>Mendlesham Green Telephone Box Project:</b> <i>Ord meeting 10 January 2018 10e, p1538</i>	268.55
<b>Community Infrastructure Levy:</b> Increase £18,595.71 as received	112,365.95
<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>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>	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 2026</b>	<b>192,868.28</b>

The Council has also used the following grants in the year to 31 March 2026

<b>Street Cleaning</b> Mid Suffolk District Council	2,222
<b>Suffolk County Council Highways Grant</b> for safety equipment	516.34
<b>MSDC Locality Award Grant</b> for URC survey	779.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,518.14</b>

Grants held as at 31 March 2026:

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
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,784.91</b>

#### 11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

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