

Old Marston Parish Council

Accounts – Supporting Statement

The Accounts are prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis. That is to say on cash movements ignoring future commitments. There is limited access to funds other than via the Precept that is charged on the Council Tax. Lottery funding for football projects is available via the Football Foundation affiliated to the FA and some possibility of grants from the City and County Councils that have limited funds from the Government for community projects. Funds raised from WREN, charities etc. being used to bridge gaps.

The projects are to renew the land drainage in Boult's Lane that has failed making the field unsuitable for recreation and football in the winter at a cost of approx. £40,000 with a grant from the Football Foundation and a contribution from Council funds.

The pavilion and changing rooms, built of prefab garage panels in 1974 is damp, has subsidence and is well past its sell by date having failed a Health and Safety inspection. The target is a new building to accommodate a second set of changing rooms to permit girl's football that has already started with a strong growing demand. The likely cost £400,000.

The Mortimer Hall was built on Council land with funds raised locally but there is little surplus income to fund improvements and repairs usually subsidised by the Council. Thirty-five years of wear and tear, a pitched roof needed to replace a failing flat roof and the need to provide toilet facilities for the disabled cannot be covered by revenue income.

The Council's balance at the year-end of £102,949 that has been built up from about £10,000 since the 1990's. now seems woefully inadequate with the following commitments:

	£	£
Outstanding at 31 March 2006		
TTS Boult's Lane Ground Survey	3,231	
Mower purchase	166	
Oxford City Council-Ground Maintenance 2005/6	2,864	
Future liabilities		
TTS Specifications, Quotations and supervision of work	6,550	
Mortimer Hall – agreed contribution to work	15,500	
Grant towards Boult's Lane drainage	18,000	
Architects fees for pavilion	3,000	
Tree survey arising from adverse insurance claim	500	
Possible tree felling from above	5,000	
Contingency fund maintained from year to year	30,000	
Reserve for further capital schemes Mortimer Hall, pavilion etc.	18,138	102,949

The future problems are the refurbishment of the Mortimer Hall and the new pavilion with a total cost over expenditure of £500,000. Football Foundation grant for the pavilion is probable; the remainder of the requirement will have to be raised from other grant making bodies and charities but until more accurate costings and plans are available no decision can be taken.

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Clerk
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