

# Arkesden Parish Council

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## Annual Parish Meeting Financial Statement

Provided by Beth Savory

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The Arkesden Parish Council (APC) operating budget for 2024/2025 was finalised in December 2023. As we had seen in previous years, the anticipated expenditure of £18,793 surpassed intended income of £14,903. While the opening bank balance of £4,416, put the council in a satisfactory position for 2024/2025, the disparity between the anticipated income and expenditure requires action by the Council and Clerk.

As a result of a conservative year for expenditure, not utilising contingencies and the Clerk using her personal computer and printer for council work, the Parish Council finished the financial year with a closing balance of £6,003.43.

## Financial Summary

Opening balance	
April 2024	£4,416.82
Income	
Precept	£14,000
Expenditure	
Staff costs	£6,792.99
Charitable Donations	£400
Other payments/running costs	£5,220.40
Closing balance	
March 2025	£6,003.43

## Assets

Fixed Assets include:

Asset	Asset Value 24/25	Asset Value 23/24	Location
2 x Filing Cabinets	£0.00	£0.00	Village Hall
9 x Benches	£1,443	£1,924	Two each on Quicksie Hill and at the intersection of Poore Street and Clatterbury Lane. One each at: Newland End, Pump Green, the central village green, the path by the river, and one in Millenium field.

Beth Savory (Clerk to the Parish Council)

			It is noted that an additional memorial bench has been installed on Pump Green by the Bull family and isn't currently included as a fixed asset.
3 x Notice Boards	£1,082	£1,443	Quicksie Hill, Village Hall, and by Hill House. It was noted that the cover for the notice board located on Quicksie Hill has been removed due to damage, and the board will now be utilised for general use with laminated notices.
12 x Bins (8 x litter bins & 4 dog waste bins)	£417	£556	Litter bins – in front of the church fence, Pump Green, path by the river, two at Quicksie Hill, one at the intersection of Poore Street and Clatterbury Lane, one at the top of Long Lane, and one in Millenium field. Dog waste bins – Quicksie Hill, path by the river, in front of Hill house, Millenium Field.
1 x Information Board	£570	£760	Pump Green

The Clerk uses her personal computer and utilises Microsoft 365 to access files. While this system works well now, a computer for future APC business should be budgeted for and if purchased, included in the asset review.

### **Annual Governance and Accountability Return**

The audit for FY 24/25 is being completed, and the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for FY 24/25 will be posted on the website. Approval of an *exempt* return will be finalised at the June Arkesden Parish Council meeting and the return submitted following this meeting prior to the deadline of the 1 July 2025.