

Explanation for 'high' reserves

Box 7 is more than twice Box 2 because the authority held the following breakdown of reserves at the year end:

 earmarked reserves:	£	£	£
Community bus (private funding)		61.15	
Playground fund raising		5.27	
WW1 & DD Day events		248.00	
Community projects		25,000.00	
Election costs		1,000.00	
Play ground repairs and refurb		3,500.00	
Play equipment replacement		17,500.00	
Legal and planning fees		2,500.00	
		<u>49,814.42</u>	

General reserve 18,116.92
 Total reserves (must agree to Box 7) 18,116.92 67,931.34

	At 31/03/18	At 31/03/19	Variance
	£	£	£
Ring-fenced reserves:			
Xmas lights	1,264	0	-1,264
Community bus	61	61	0
Original playground equipment fund raising	5	5	0
WW1 and D-Day events	248	248	0
Langhamsman Scheme	240	0	-240
Protect the village	8,050	0	-8,050
Total ring-fenced	9,868	314	-9,554
Ear-marked reserves:			
Community projects	25,000	25,000	0
Playground reserves	26,500	21,000	-7,500
Election costs	1,000	1,000	0
Legal and planning appeal costs	2,500	2,500	0
Total Ear-marked	57,000	49,500	-7,500
General reserve	9,267	18,117	8,850
Total reserves	76,135	67,931	-8,204

- (a) The Community Projects reserve is primarily for road related projects – traffic being the main problem faced by the parish. The Council has an Advisory group looking at the best way to spend funds under an HCC scheme for parishes to introduce traffic calming measures, at their own expenses. Specific measures such as entrance gates, bollards and radar speed signs cost between £2,000 and £5,000 each and per entrance point to the village plus the cost of the radar speed sign is between £2,000 and £3,500 each plus other costs. Thus, the Council considered it prudent to keep the reserve the same as last year.
- (b) The Playground equipment reserve was decreased by £7,500 as the Council spent the money on resurfacing the swing and roundabout areas. The Council considers the equipment will need to be replaced with updated equipment within the next four to five years (the capital cost of the current equipment being c£73,000 and between five and seven years old). The Council considers funding will be far harder to obtain than during the previous upgrade, and hence is reserving funds as and when it is able to do so.

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