

5. REPORT FROM THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

The Responsible Financial Officer presented the unconfirmed end of year accounts, showing a balance of £10,360.85, but this is not the year end figure.

Income

The balance carried forward in this financial year was calculated as working capital and reserves. The reserves consist of 50% of the year end total and funds set aside for the drainage of the football field. A reserve account was opened for one year to attract interest.

Catterall Playing Field was used by the Brockholes Arms team during the Catforth and District Summer League and a grant of £300 was received for the upgrade of the floodlighting from Lancashire County Council, this has yet to be paid as the job has not been completed. There is still income from the Garstang Free Methodist Football team who play during the Winter. The Multi Use Games Area received a grant towards the planting of the green screen at the agreement of the neighbours at the rear of the Area.

The Grounds Maintenance Contract with Kirkland Parish Council was again increased to include public areas in the Village and the Parish Council has confirmed that the contract will continue for another year. The Amenity Grass Cutting carried out on behalf of Lancashire County Council was offered at a lower price, to be more reflective of market conditions.

The Youth Initiative refund is the donation given by Catterall Parish Council to set up the initiative, unfortunately this did not take off and the funds are returned. The other receipt is a cheque in which the amount was incorrectly written, this has since been rectified.

Expenditure

The parish maintenance has not cost as much this year, but the equipment costs have increased and this includes the purchase of the mower and the hire agreement for the new pavement sweeper.

The costs of administrating the Parish Office are off set through the partnership agreement with Kirkland and Pilling Parish Councils who all pay into these costs. The energy costs for the Parish Office have been resolved with the Village Hall Committee and will continue on an annual basis.

The high cost of Catterall Playing Field represents 18 months payments to Wyre Council as they did not send the invoice for 2010 grass cutting with in that year. The Youth Shelter has been painted with anti-graffiti paint and has not been touched since! The astro turf on the Multi Use Games Area has been deep cleaned and the green screen planted following a request by neighbours at the rear of the Games Area.

There have been no section 137 payments made and donations have been given to Bowland Mountain Rescue, the Royal British Legion and St. Helens Church for the upkeep of the graveyard.

It must be noted that a number of projects have not been carried out in this year and the funding for them remains and will be carried over to next year. These include the relocation of the CCTV on Catterall Playing Field, new nets for the Multi Use Games Area and the correct lights for the floodlights.

The report was accepted

6. ANNUAL REPORTS

Report of Catterall and Kirkland Memorial Hall

The committee has seen a satisfactory year with the finances on an even keel.

Report of the Lancashire Association of Local Councils Representative

Catterall Parish Council has contributed greatly to the meetings, which are working hard to maintain dialogue with Lancashire County Council since the demise of the DPO's. We have seen the closure of Claughton Tip and the efforts made to oppose this. It was noted that there appears to be animosity between Lancashire County Council and Wyre Council to the detriment of Town and Parish Councils.

Report of the representative of the Wyre Area Road Safety Committee

Many of the old issues have been completed and even when Mr. Lane-Dixon can not attend he is sending a report.

7. MATTERS RAISED BY RESIDENTS

Underground services on Garstang Road

A resident wished to raise the potential safety issues on Garstang Road with the number and close proximity of the utility pipes in the pavement. As the utility company dug down to find the electricity cable, less than 9 inches down they discovered the gas main covering access to the electricity cable, which is directly underneath and separated by only three inches and packing. Further excavation revealed a high power cable, the green 'CLEO' education cable and a black one that no one can identify. The gas main is a cast iron pipe installed about fifty years ago and never replaced with the familiar yellow ones used now. It is believed that cast iron pipes should have been replaced as they are 'at risk' if they are within 30 metres of dwellings. This could be a serious safety issue for the residents of Garstang Road and representation must be made to Transco to replace the pipe work. The Parish Council will write to Transco, United Utilities, North West Electricity and copy to the HSE.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25p.m.

Date

Chairman