

Great Ouseburn Parish Council

Chairman's annual report 2023/24

The past year has been one of relative calm, under the watchful guidance of our new clerk Jane Merriman. During the year we saw the retirement of Rachel Kay. Rachel has given us years of service. Her knowledge of business and accountancy has been of particular benefit to the PC. Another long serving councillor, Debbi Jorgensen, also left us as she moved to pastures new. Debbi had walked the footpaths and bridleways of the parish with her loyal dog Rumples, reporting back on the many issues arising from footpath problems.

We gained a new member, Farida Grout. Farida has lived in and around the area for many years, and has served as a governor of GO school.

Financial matters

Our clerk Jane has taken control of finances, which are now properly managed. We are creating various reserves to account for large expenditure in the future. In particular we have funded a new grass cutter. We also have a fund set aside for the upkeep of Pipers Lane pond

Planning

Planning applications have been few in comparison with recent years. The large Stonebridge site is almost complete and many properties have been occupied. The smaller Brierley Homes site continues to progress at a snail's pace, with any occupation still some way off. There are grave concerns about

the access from the Brierley Homes site onto Branton Lane. The exit area is considerably higher than the road. Cutting into the verge will damage the adjacent trees. The risk of flooding at the exit point, already an issue, will get worse.

Commutated sums

We were successful in applying for monies to fund the removal of two dangerous, dying ash trees from the old churchyard. We are now in the process of applying for funds to improve the car parking between the graveyards. People wishing to pay respects to their loved ones are obliged to park on the grass verges, which are now very muddy.

A sub group of councillors has been set up to review our use of commuted sums.

Balance Sheet

Great Ouseburn Village Hall As at 31 March 2024

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Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand

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Total Cash at bank and in hand	21,878.28

Accounts Receivable	4,405.50
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Total Current Assets	26,283.78
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accounts Payable	2,560.52
Rounding	(23.00)
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2,537.52

Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	23,746.26
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities	23,746.26
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Capital and Reserves

Current Year Earnings	6,551.05
Retained Earnings	17,195.21
Total Capital and Reserves	23,746.26

Profit and Loss

Great Ouseburn Village Hall For the year ended 31 March 2024

2024

Turnover

Adhoc Booking Sales	9,102.00
Interest Income	16.74
Other Revenue	3,150.00
Regular Booking Sales	19,233.50
Total Turnover	31,502.24

Cost of Sales

300 Club Payouts	940.00
Direct Expenses	220.00
Total Cost of Sales	1,160.00

Gross Profit

30,342.24

Administrative Costs

Advertising & Marketing	110.00
Bank Fees	(80.87)
Cleaning	3,033.00
Council Services	971.20
General Expenses	2,765.00
Insurance	1,350.22
IT and Internet	824.64
Repairs & Maintenance	5,558.58
Telephone & Internet	42.32
Utilities	10,905.10
Total Administrative Costs	25,479.19

Operating Profit

4,863.05

Other Income

300 Club Income	1,688.00
Total Other Income	1,688.00

Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation

6,551.05

Profit after Taxation

6,551.05