

Elm Parish Council - Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2015

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. **Agency work** - the Council undertook no agency work on behalf of other authorities.

2. Section 137 Payments

Section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish Councils to spend up to £7.20 per head of electorate for the benefit of people in the area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers. Total electorate for Elm parish at 31 March 2015 was 3,028. Consequently, the council was eligible to spend £21,801.60 under this power in 2014/15.

The payments made were:

Payee	Nature of project/purpose	Amount (£)
Royal British Legion	Poppy wreath	17.00
Royal British Legion	Donation to Poppy Appeal	25.00
Elm Friendship Club	Donation - group's operating costs	1,590.00
Elm and Fridaybridge Youth Club	Contribution towards annual running costs	2,000.00
Coldham Residents Action Group	Disabled toilet provision for village show	120.00
Magpas	Donation	400.00
Elm Parochial Church Council	Repair works to church bells	6,700.00
Rural Cambs CAB	Donation - organisation's operating costs	250.00
Tower Hall, Fridaybridge	Contribution towards costs of new emergency lighting	1,000.00
Fridaybridge Community First Responders	Purchase of medical equipment	115.15
Upwell Parish Council	Contribution towards cost of purchasing grit for grit bin at Upwell Health Centre	29.14
Total		12,246.29

3. Borrowings

At close of business on 31 March 2015, the council had no outstanding loans.

4. Advertising

No advertisements were placed during 2014/15.

5. Tenancies

During the year the following tenancies were held:

Council as landlord:

- Cemetery Cottage, Elm – non-repairing lease. Property currently let at a monthly rental of £595.00 less agent's fees (this provides a net income figure of £523.60).

Breakdown of boxes 3 and 6 on Annual Return 2014/15

Receipts (excluding Precept)	£	Payments (excluding staff costs)	£
Burial fees	12,286.00	Burial grounds	7,292.00
Agricultural holdings	3,700.00	Election fees	0.00
Concurrent functions	5,293.00	Miscellaneous/general expenses	1,515.00
Interest from accounts	1,225.00	General admin. costs	1,730.00
Cemetery Cottage	6,283.00	Cemetery Cottage	126.00
Electricity wayleave	231.00	Playing fields maintenance	5,772.00
Council Tax Support Grant	3,713.00	Pocket parks maintenance	1,085.00
Insurance claim	998.00	Open spaces maintenance	5,888.00
		Section 137 payments	12,246.00
		Insurances	2,473.00
Sub-total	33,729.00	Affiliation fees	118.00
		War memorials	0.00
HMRC – VAT refund	1,069.00	Agricultural holdings	1,016.00
		Chairman's allowance	300.00
		Street lighting	1,606.00
		VAT	4,234.00
Total	34,798.00	Total	45,401.00

- Various areas of tenanted agricultural holdings with a total annual income in 2014/15 of £3,700.00.

Council as tenant:

- None.

6. Leases: lease with Cambridgeshire County Council, for a period of 25 years (at £375 per annum) from September 2005, for playing field at Maltmas Drove, Fridaybridge.

7. Year-end debtor: for VAT: £4,234.48

8. Year-end creditors: None.

9. Ear-marked reserves (£):

• Burial fees advance payments	14,877.50
• Cemetery development works	2,095.00
• Play equipment - Elm	30,000.00
• Play equipment - Fridaybridge	7,500.00
• Street lighting works	<u>3,394.00</u>
	<u>57,866.50</u>

10. Pension contributions: None; the Clerk has opted not to be part of the LGPS for this employment.

11. Staff costs

Clerk (salary, travelling expenses Income Tax plus NI contributions): £10,799.63.

12. Assets - see attached list.

Bank Reconciliation at 31 March 2015 (£)

Bal b/f 01/04/14	123,150.22
+ receipts	<u>60,015.89</u>
	183,166.11
+ VAT reclaimed	<u>1,069.55</u>
	184,235.66
- payments	<u>56,201.38</u>
Bal c/f 31/03/15	<u>128,034.28</u>

Bank accounts (£)

Current Account	30,034.28
National Savings	<u>98,000.00</u>
	128,034.28
Less o/s cheques	<u>0.00</u>
Balance	<u>128,034.28</u>