

COMMENTARY ON MILLAND RECREATION GROUND ACCOUNTS - APRIL 2016-17 – Charity 13624609

The Recreation Ground accounts are prepared in accordance with Charity Commission guidelines and can be viewed 'on-line'. At the end of the financial year the accounts are prepared for an independent examination by Ms Rachel Hall. The Parish Council is the Corporate Trustee for the management of the Recreation Field. Bank: Barclays Bank Plc, Farnham, Sort code 20-31-06 A/c 13624609.

Following completion of the independent examination a Trustees' Annual Report (tar) and Receipts and Payments (r&p) accounts for the financial year are completed and sent to the Charity Commission.

Recreation Field Financial Regulations – Separate Financial Regulations have been drafted for the Recreation Ground, which help to formalise the practice of the Council in the carrying out of its responsibilities as trustee. The accounts and audit procedure bears some relationship to those for the Council's own accounts, but is different because the Recreation Ground is a charitable trust, not a local authority.

Precept allocation for 2016-17 (£5000)	- £3500 for maintenance)
	- £1500 for maintenance)
	- £500 for tree surgery
Balance brought forward 1.4.16	- £856.07
Year End balance	- £3606 (Ringfenced funds £2000 for patio project)

Receipts:

Grants/Donations - MPC Grant maintenance £3500; MPC £1500 for improvements; Tree surgery £850; Bonfire Group, fencing £300; Rising Sun, car parking Millfest £250; North ChiCLC for car park lights £1000; Bonfire Group £1000, patio; Milland Rural Fair £1000, patio. Rob Findlay paid £600 for Youth Shelter.

Payments:

Maintenance costs include: - General maintenance £ (mowing, drainage (Iping Road entrance), moles removal, tree surgery £850, play bark £189; RoSPA safety check £100, CDC bin emptying £157.

Overview of the Year:

In addition to the work agreed for the regular maintenance of the recreation field the following work was done. A limited amount of tree surgery was undertaken to remove weak branches following the annual survey. The fencing surround of the junior play area was replaced and new sleepers laid. In the interests of public safety, four lights were installed at the entrance to the car park. The side gate has been replaced. The council must ensure that any work done on the field is done by accredited contractors. The field has two litter bins which are cleared on a weekly basis by the District Council. A new patio outside the French doors of the village hall will be laid in April 2017.

The Recreation Ground and the equipment are kept in good condition, meeting all necessary safety standards. The field is well equipped for spontaneous play with tennis courts, junior play area, adventure play area, climbing frame, goal posts. It is checked monthly to ensure that if there any problems they are dealt with as quickly as possible. The field is reviewed by the council in the spring and autumn.

My thanks to Rob Findlay for his continued management of the area.

Lorraine Grocott
Clerk to the Council,

April 2016