

Commentary on Milland Recreation Ground accounts 2019-20 – 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 Rachel Hall & Co. The Council is the Corporate Trustee for the management of the Recreation Field.

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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 agreed 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 are like those for the Council's accounts but is different because the Recreation Ground is a charitable trust, not a local authority.

Precept allocation for 2019-20 (£7000)

	- £4500 - maintenance
	- £1500 - repairs & renewals
	- £ 500 – Administration
	- £ 500 - Contingency
	- £120 – y/e independent examination
Balance brought forward 1.4.19	- £5901.84
Year End balance 31.3.2020	- £8877.91 – Available funds £4927.91 (Ringfenced - Tower project £3950)

Receipts : £11151 - include

Repairs/Renewals – £207 – Bonfire,

Grants - £7000 - Milland PC for maintenance / repairs & renewals/Admin/Contingency

Donations – £ 2700 MRF, Misc donation £250

Vat Reimbursement 2019-20 - £369.18.

Payments: £8175 - include

Repairs renewals - £3415; Admin - £337; VAT £369.18; tree surgery £625(reimbursed to PC a/c

Maintenance costs include: - CDC emptying of bins £141, Independent exam of a/cs £120 ; play bark £223, RoSPA safety check £103, R Findlay £3428; Repairs to junior play area £1600.

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 field has two litter bins which are cleared on a weekly basis by the District Council. Moles are cleared, as necessary. The junior uprights were replaced along with covers of the bolts.

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. A review of the field is undertaken in the spring and autumn.

The Council is planning to replace the Adventure play area monkey bars and tyre swings with a Tower Unit subject to a successful grant application with Chichester District Council.

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

Lorraine Grocott, Clerk to the Council