

# Croft

## Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at Croft Village Hall on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30pm. These are notes of the meeting until approved at the next Annual Parish Meeting as a true and accurate record.

### **1. Chairman's Welcome**

The Chair welcomed all Councillors present, and there were no members of the public in attendance. The Chair issued a brief report on the Parish Council's activity throughout the year, and hoped to continue to be a positive force in the community for the year ahead.

### **2. To confirm the minutes of previous Annual Parish Meeting.**

With no matters arising, it was **resolved unanimously** to accept the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### **3. To receive an unaudited statement of income and expenditure for the financial year 2023-24.**

The Clerk provided an unaudited statement of income and expenditure for the financial year 2023-24, prior to submitting the Annual Return to the external auditor. No questions were raised.

### **4. To receive reports from:**

#### **a. The Chair of the Council**

#### **b. Croft's East Lindsey District Councillor**

Croft's East Lindsey District Councillor was absent from the meeting through ill health and was unable to submit a report. The Chair wished the District Councillor a speedy recovery.

#### **c. Croft's Lincolnshire County Councillor**

Croft's Lincolnshire County Councillor was absent from the meeting and did not submit a written report.

#### **d. Lincolnshire Police**

Lincolnshire Police did not attend. They provided a link to the new quarterly newsletter - <https://www.lincs.police.uk/police-forces/lincolnshire-police/areas/about-us/about-us/neighbourhood-newsletters/>.

#### **e. The Parochial Church Council**

A representative from the Parochial Church Council did not attend or submit a written report.

### **5. Public Forum: To receive questions or comments from members of the public - those who reside or work within the council's boundary.**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

### **6. To confirm the date of the next Annual Parish Meeting.**

The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> June 2025.

**The Chair of the Council closed the meeting at 6:35pm.**

# Croft Parish Council

8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

## Financial Report

### 2023-24

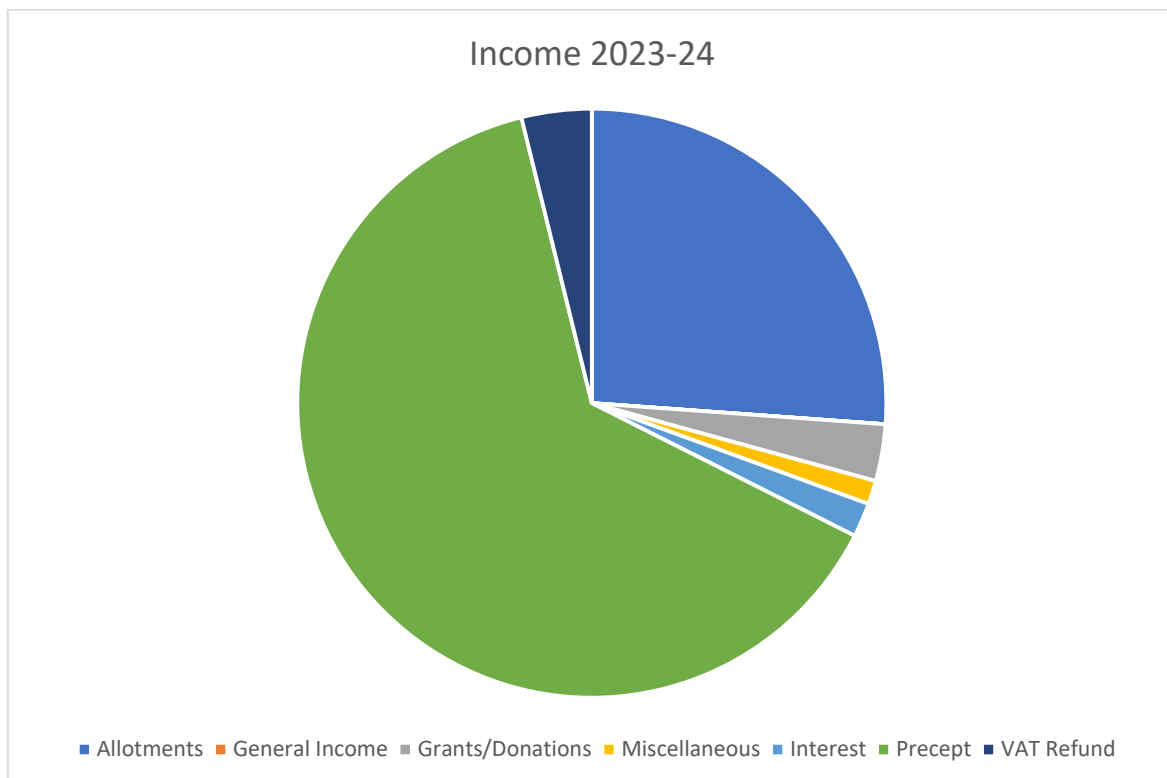
#### Income

Croft Parish Council's income is derived mainly from Council Tax collected by ELDC, called the Precept and paid to the Parish Council. In 2023-24 there were 308 taxable properties in Croft.

Other sources of income are also shown below, along with the comparison from 2022-23.

	Item	2022-23	Anticipated	Actual	Variance
1	Allotments	£ -	£ 3,060.00	£ 5,031.47	£ 1,971.47
2	General Income	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
3	Grants/Donations	£ 250.00	£ 3,000.00	£ 600.00	-£ 2,400.00
4	Miscellaneous	£ -	£ -	£ 250.00	£ 250.00
5	Interest	£ 15.64	£ 20.00	£ 361.04	£ 341.04
6	Precept	£12,368.50	£12,262.00	£12,262.00	£ -
7	VAT Refund	£11,161.66	£ 500.00	£ 740.91	£ 240.91
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£23,795.80</b>	<b>£18,842.00</b>	<b>£19,245.42</b>	<b>£ 403.42</b>

The income decreased slightly, mainly due to an overpayment of VAT in 2022-23 from HMRC. The allotments have a tenant and a small grant was received from District Councillor S Dennis.

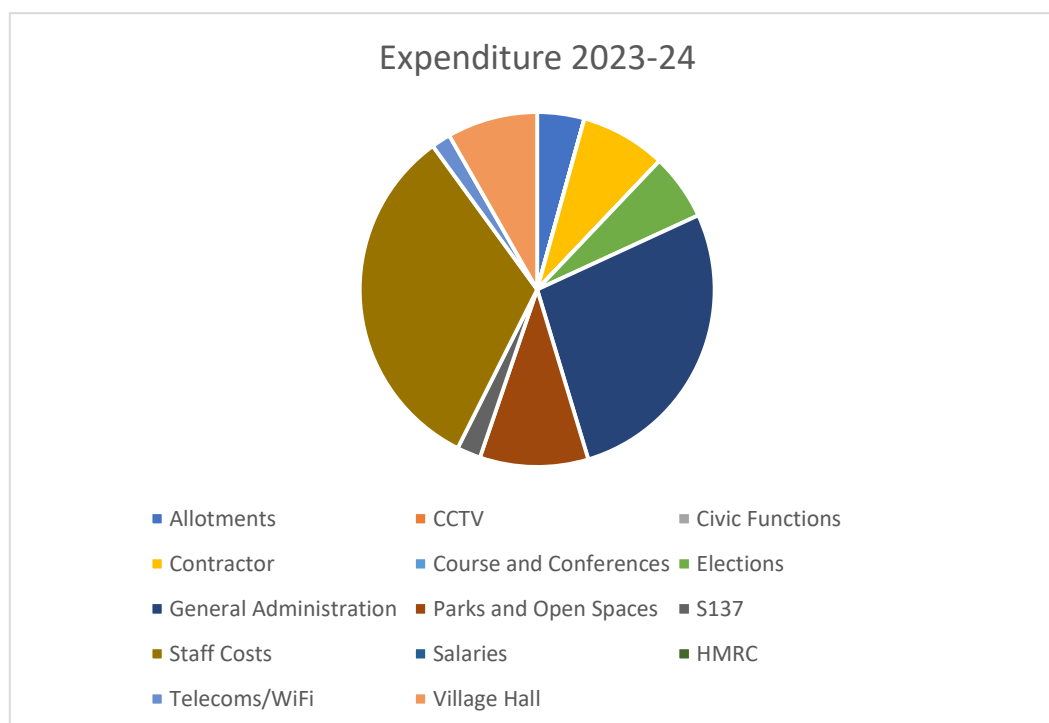


## Expenditure

During the year, major items of expenditure included:

Item	2022-23	Anticipated	Actual	Variance
Allotments	£ 240.00	£ -	£ 1,130.40	£ 1,130.40
CCTV	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Civic Functions	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Contractor	£ 2,015.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 2,050.00	-£ 450.00
Course and Conferences	£ 144.00	£ 400.00	£ -	-£ 400.00
By-Election	£ -	£ 3,000.00	£ 1,587.05	-£ 1,412.95
General Administration	£ 6,074.28	£ 2,910.00	£ 7,153.76	£ 4,243.76
Chair's Allowance	£ -	£ 250.00	£ -	-£ 250.00
Parks and Open Spaces	£ 727.84	£ 150.00	£ 2,598.55	£ 2,448.55
S137	£ 100.00	£ 550.00	£ 570.00	£ 20.00
Staff Costs	£ 8,192.40	£ 9,000.00	£ 8,569.26	-£ 430.74
Telecoms/WiFi	£ 357.25	£ 500.00	£ 460.68	-£ 39.32
Tourism and Events	£ 468.13	£ 500.00	£ -	-£ 500.00
Village Hall	£ 113.81	£ -	£ 2,171.00	£ 2,171.00
<b>Sub-Totals:</b>	<b>£ 23,621.51</b>	<b>£ 20,010.00</b>	<b>£ 26,290.70</b>	<b>£ 6,280.70</b>
<b>VAT Refund</b>	£ 11,161.66	£ 500.00	£ 740.91	£ 240.91
<b>Totals</b>	<b>£ 12,459.85</b>	<b>£ 19,510.00</b>	<b>£ 25,549.79</b>	<b>£ 6,521.61</b>

As detailed, expenditure has increase on the previous year and on the anticipated spend. Largely due to repaying HMRC for their overpayment.



Balances for the Financial Year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023:

Current Account: £ 1,786.82

Reserve Account: £ 30,155.27

Jack Sargent

Clerk to the Council