



## PARISH COUNCIL OF DENMEAD

### ACCOUNTS-BUDGET 2009/2010 - COMMENTARY

The year end accounts for 2009/2010 have been prepared and audited internally, the explanatory notes are as follows.

#### Precept (page 2)

The total precept for 2009/2010 was £318,240.00 which, based on approximately 2,740 properties in the Parish, is a **cost of £2.23 per week per household for all the services provided by the Parish Council**. This is an increase of 05p per week due to the increase in properties and the 2.74% increase in precept.

Year	Precept	Annual Cost	Weekly Cost
2007/08 (2,700 properties)	£301,457	£111.65	£2.14
2008/09 (2,725 properties)	£309,747	£113.67	£2.18

These services include maintenance of all landscaping in the village, sports pitches, children's play areas, dog bins, burial ground, Parish Office administration, Office Staff, Landscape Management Staff and Grants providing support to local organisations.

#### Income (page 3 + KGV income) Shortfall of - £11,120.57

This budgeted amount estimated for interest on bank accounts was £14,000 but resulted in total revenue of £3,563 and a significant shortfall of £10,436.67. When the budget was set for 2009/2010 the figure was calculated based on the previous year's amount where the interest received was £16,029.48. Other expected incomes were sports and Pavilion income with a loss of £683.90.

#### Administration Budget (page 3) under spend of £8,918.61

The employment costs total has an under spend of £2,350.64 due to an employee leaving and the budgeted cost of living of 3% being reduced to 1%. There is an over spend on insurance IT support and subscriptions totalling £745.99. The election and recruitment budget of £3,000 was not used. Larger savings have been made on phone, parish scene, stationary, copier, Clls travel and audit fees totalling £3456.78. Smaller saving total £857.18.

#### Planning (page 3) under spend of £349.75

There is a budgeted under spend of £349.75.

#### Amenities Committee Budget (page 4 & 3 KGV Expenditure) under spend of £7,337.37

The employment costs total has an under spend of £2,005.82 due to the budgeted cost of living of 3% being reduced to 1%. Savings have been made on some budget headings totalling £6,038.88 including park/play equipment, machinery maintenance, vandalism, tool hire, trees & planting, fuel and pavilion cleaning. There is an over spend on pavilion security, facilities maintenance, staff training and consumables totalling £907.33. The staff travel budget of £200 was not used.

The Denmead Cricket, Bowling and Tennis clubs are now in agreement to their portions of the KGV Portsmouth water bill. There are also no more bills for the KGV from Southern water.

#### **Amenities Projects (page 4) under spend of £1,050.00**

The play equipment replacement budget of £1,000 was not used and the chipper mulcher was under spent by £50.

#### **Special (page 4)**

This budget was spent in full. All grant awards were sent to the organisations awarded.

#### **Highways Committee Budget (page 5) under spend of £1,013.48**

Dog bin collection, street light maintenance and footpaths balance of £1,615.46 have been rolled forward and put in earmarked funds committed funds. The final street light maintenance contract invoice has not yet been received in the office. There is an under spend of £1,013.48 on street lights power, street light repairs and bus shelters.

#### **H & GP Projects (page 5) under spend of £924.00**

The speed activated sign and village 30/traffic calming balance of £1,795 have been rolled forward and put in earmarked fund committed funds. The invoice for the speed activated sign has not yet been received in the office and the village 30/traffic calming amount has been allocated to the speed activated sign payment. Savings have been made on the festive lighting and the Denmead shopper bus of £424. A grant for £500 has been received from Freddie Allgood Hampshire County Councillors Special Fund. This amount is not included in the budget therefore adding to the variance of the under spend.

#### **Burial Ground (page 6) Income £7,656.31**

Expenditure for the burial ground totals £4,826.69 and income totals £12,483.00 giving and overall amount of £7,656.31 revenue to move to burial ground earmarked funds.

#### **Earmarked Funds (page 6) Difference**

Earmarked Funds are budgeted reserves that are allocated to projects such as Landscape Maintenance, Equipment Replacement, Play Equipment, Pavilion, Community Facility, Burial Ground, H & GP Projects and Committed Funds.

All agreed rolled forward funds from 09/10 totalling £3,410.46 have been moved to earmarked funds committed funds to be used as they were committed.

It was RESOLVED at the FAP meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June that the underspend of £8,130.19 be allocated to fund the youth workers for the DAN evenings, and that the budgeted expense allocated to the flail, blower and Lengthsman which had been deferred in favour of funding DAN, be retained.

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