

Leconfield Parish Council

ANNUAL RETURN - Section 2 : Statement of Accounts

Explanation of variances

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Box No.	Description	Last Year £	31/03/2026 £	Variance £	Variance %	Explanation Required?	Notes
1	Balances brought fwd	62500.00	29929.92				BALANCE B/F AGREES
2	Annual precept	35000.00	36600.00	1600.00	5%	No	
3	Total other receipts	268194.00	107718.04	-160475.96	60%	Yes	<p>During 2024/2025 extensive improvement works were carried out on the village hall and adjoining sports facilities. These included a full refurbishment of the toilets changing rooms and mail hall infrastructure, together with the installation of a professional kitchen. Funding was also provided to the Bowls club, a multi use games area was installed within the sports area and the club received equipment for short mat bowls. The works also improved accessibility and ensured the building complied fully with fire and building regulations. These improvements were funded through grants listed below together with match funding from us.</p> <p>UKSPF £84000.00 Commuted Sums £92209.31 Lottery Funding £19895.00 Leconfield PC £9000.00</p>
4	Staff Costs	5350.00	7986.72	2636.72	49%	Yes	<p>Increase due to 2.5 additional hours per week allocated for taking on RFO role increase of £1999.40 per year. And an annual pay increase awarded from £14.00 per hour to £15.38 per hour.</p>
5	Loan interest/capital repayments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	
6	Total other payments	330414.00	123188.61	-207225.39	63%	Yes	<p>This is as per box 3 due to an extensive refurbishment of the village hall</p>

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7	Balances carried forward	29929.92	43072.63	13142.71	44%	Yes	This is due to us receiving a grant from Sports England for £8615.51 gross for an irrigation system. However was not spent in 25-26 will be spent this financial year. We also received a UKSPF grant of £6830.89 in 25-26 however we had spent this in 24-25
8	Total Cash and Short Term Investments	29929.92	43072.63	13142.71	44%	Yes	This is due to us receiving a grant from Sports England for £8615.51 gross for an irrigation system. However was not spent in 25-26 will be spent this financial year. We also received a UKSPF grant of £6830.89 in 25-26 however we had spent this in 24-25
9	Total Fixed Assets and Long Term Investments	87672.00	95155.95	7483.95	9%	No	
10	Total Borrowings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%	No	

This report is intended as a guide to the variances you may need to explain. The specific requirements vary between external auditors so please check the requirements shown on the pro forma provided to your council

Please note a breakdown of approved reserves will also be required if the total reserves (Box 7) figure is more than twice the annual precept value (Box 2)