

Launton Parish Council
Statement of Variances 2024 / 2025

Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 31 March 2025		
2023/24		2024/25
£19,079.86	Co-operative Bank Community Directplus Account (Current)	£34,104.74
£42,700.15	Co-operative Bank Business Select Instant Access Account	£2,320.84
£0.00	Co-operative Bank 35 Day Account	£64,182.71
£0.00	Lloyds Bank Community Account (Parish Hall)	£3,780.46
£61,780.01	Total	£104,388.75
£0.00	Less unrepresented cheques	£0.00
£0.00	Plus uncleared payments	£0.00
£0.00	Plus Short term investments	£0.00
£61,780.01	Total	£104,388.75

Reserves		
2023/24		2024/25
£7,000.00	3 months' running costs - increased due to precept increase	£9,750.00
£5,651.78	Sherwood Close maintenance (s106)	£5,651.78
£3,572.00	Glades open space maintenance	£3,572.00
£12,356.17	Parish Hall Contingency - increased due to new responsibilities	£20,000.00
£3,325.00	Asset replacement fund (street furniture / noticeboards / IT equipment) - increased due to greater replacement need	£4,375.00
£1,526.00	Road Safety - added £1,000 unspent 2023/24 budget	£2,526.00
£1,600.00	Election expenses	£1,600.00
£300.00	Insurance excess	£300.00
£200.00	External Audit Contingency	£200.00
£1,300.00	Clerk sickness / overtime contingency - slight increase	£1,400.00
£2,308.00	General Contingency funds - increased due to budget increase	£3,500.00
£605.00	Defibrillator Contingency	£605.00
£3,500.00	Bus shelter contingency - increased due to rising costs	£4,000.00
£4,600.00	Trees contingency - increased due to rising costs	£5,000.00
£1,000.00	Fete contingency	£1,000.00
£1,000.00	Professional Fees - increased due to new Parish Hall responsibilities	£2,000.00
£49,843.95	Total	£65,479.78

General Power of Competence / LGA (1972) S137 - General Grants		
2023/24		2024/25
£9.93	Allowance per elector	£10.81
1155	Number of electors	1173
£11,469.15	Total amount available	£12,680.13
	Spent	
£150.00	Launton Over 60s group	£165.00
£150.00	Clean Slate	£200.00
£60.00	RBL for Remembrance Wreath	£0.00
£200.00	South Central Ambulance Charity for defibrillator training	£0.00
£165.00	South Central Ambulance Charity for defibrillator training - public contributions collected on day	£0.00

Launton Parish Council
Statement of Variances 2024 / 2025

£300.00	Launton Village Players	£0.00
£100.00	Oxfordshire Mind	£0.00
£0.00	Volunteer Driver Service	£100.00
£0.00	Royal British Legion for lamppost poppies	£41.67
£0.00	Launton Poppy Cascade	£25.40
£0.00	Hope After Harm	£100.00
£1,125.00	Total Spent	£632.07
£10,344.15	Total available remaining	£12,048.06

Box 2 (+) Annual Precept

2023/24		2024/25
£39,743.00	Annual Precept	£51,592.00

Box 3 (+) Total Other Receipts

2023/24		2024/25
£1,216.28	Grass Cutting Grant	£1,216.28
£10.00	Plotters Insurance Contribution	£10.00
£30.00	Admin Costs (external use of data projector) - usage reduced	£15.00
£10.00	Subscription overpayment refund - one-off	£0.00
£0.00	Training refund - one course booked then cancelled	£60.00
£162.28	Defibrillator Training - no training this year	£0.00
£0.00	Parish Hall Grant Funding - grants for replacing roof: Rural England Prosperity Fund: £25,000 Friends of Launton Parish Hall: £25,000	£50,000.00
£0.00	Parish Hall Lettings - PC now running Hall	£6,187.21
£2,276.62	VAT Refund - remaining 2024/25 reclaim pending	£1,984.96
£261.32	Savings Account Interest - improved interest with 35-day account	£803.40
£3,966.50	Total	£60,276.85

Box 4 (-) Staff Costs

2023/24		2024/25
£9,886.95	Cost of living increase (£14.95 to £15.58 per hour) plus £617 overtime and pro-rata untaken annual leave; HMRC / NI contributions increased from £120 to £441; final 4 months unpaid Acting Clerk, reducing costs by approx £3,500	£7,845.13

Box 5 No Loans

--	--	--

Launton Parish Council
Statement of Variances 2024 / 2025

Box 6 (-) All other payments		
2023/24		2024/25
£1,185.00	Urban grass cutting - same as last year	£1,185.00
£250.00	Rural verge cutting - same as last year	£250.00
£1,667.38	Dog bin emptying - reduced number being emptied	£1,132.56
£0.00	Dog and litter bins - same as last year	£0.00
£0.00	Road safety - same as last year	£0.00
£0.00	Noticeboards - same as last year	£0.00
£3,535.00	Village upkeep - kissing gate replacement (£470) last year only	£2,965.00
£360.00	Parish Hall Hire and storage - no costs since taking over Hall	£0.00
£919.73	Parish Hall Project - major increase due to final lease and roof replacement (all excluding VAT): Solicitors fees: £895 Architect and planning fees: £1,218 60% of roof replacement contract: £31,245	£34,167.00
£300.00	Parish Hall 'Rent' - specified in Agreement for Lease / Lease	£300.00
£0.00	Parish Hall Utilities - new since taking over Hall	£5,811.47
£0.00	Parish Hall Security / Fire - new since taking over Hall	£69.50
£0.00	Parish Hall Sundry materials - new since taking over Hall	£33.54
£0.00	Parish Hall Maintenance / Servicing - new since taking over Hall	£875.00
£740.55	Insurance - increase due to need to insure Parish Hall for part of year	£1,072.72
£310.00	Audit - increase due to mileage costs for Internal Auditor (previous year online)	£410.00
£960.00	Grants: General - last year had £300 one-off request from local charity	£632.07
£585.57	Subscriptions - SLCC slight increase (+£4.72); OALC increase (+£20.59); two new subscriptions (CFO Halls £50, Parish Online £63); Open Spaces Society (£45) paid after 2024-25 year end	£668.88
£0.00	Bank Charge - Lloyds introduced monthly charges in early 2025	£4.75
£2,040.00	Village Newsletter - same as last year	£2,040.00
£242.68	Training - more training courses attended	£682.68
£461.72	Admin Costs and Mileage - mobile phone cost increased, but clerk mileage reduced after resignation	£424.65
£312.00	Clerk Home Working Allowance - reduced after clerk resignation	£182.00
£211.80	IT Costs and Meeting Costs - similar to last year	£213.98
£84.99	Website hosting - included domain name renewal (£25) this year	£109.99
£1,417.00	Defibrillator - no replacement supplies needed this year	£0.00
£35.00	Information Commissioner Fee - same as last year	£35.00
£100.00	Election costs - election in May 23, no election in 2024-25	£0.00
£1,244.05	VAT Paid - much more expenditure that incurred VAT this year (Parish Hall utilities and roof replacement)	£8,149.19
£16,962.47	Total	£61,414.98

Launton Parish Council
Statement of Variances 2024 / 2025

Box 9 Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets		
2023/24		2024/25
	Added: Speed Indicator Devices x 3 (£3) and White Gates on Blackthorn Road (£2) Removed: Old Speed Activated Signs x 2 (£5,800) and one 2017 Litter Bin (£45.21)	
£40,131.31	The value of the Fixed Assets stands at	£34,291.10

Simon Turner

Simon Turner
Acting Clerk and RFO to Launton Parish Council