

# Walsham le Willows Parish Council

## Quarterly report of variances against budget

Explanations is provided for variances that exceed 15% of budgeted amount.

### To end September 2023

#### Income

1. **Street Cleaning Grant 0.00 / -100%** - We still have not recruited a pavement sweeper so no grant can be claimed for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.

#### Expenditure

2. **Admin Expenses -151.13 / -50.4%** - Purchase of toner cartridges £384.91
3. **Footpaths P3 -178.54 / -19.1%** Increase in grant and grant disbursement
4. **Neighbourhood Plan Grant Disbursement -3185.38 / -294.9%** - Two payments for consultancy work and return of unspent grant for 2022/23. This will always be 'out' because we cannot claim and return unspent grant in same financial year and we are not using income accrual accounting.
5. **Other Expenses -24.36 / -8.1%** Catering for annual meeting of the Parish
6. **Streetlighting Repairs & Maintenance -10,294.10 / -686.3%** - At the time of setting the budget we had had no response from numerous chasers as to whether final phase of streetlighting upgrades had been completed. Complete radio silence from SCC for so long that we thought maybe there would be nothing further to pay but that they could not be explicit about this. Wrong. After the budget had been set we got an inkling that something would be due and sure enough not long after the invoice arrived. £2218.66 for routine maintenance and electricity. More than budgeted amount due to recent inflationary pressures on energy prices which wiped out the savings we saw from the lamp upgrades. And £9,575.44 for the final phase of those upgrades.