



- Earmarked reserves as at 31 March 2021 totalled £212,021
- Net Reserves as at 31 March 2021 totalled £136,844.

Following a discussion, it was:

**RESOLVED:** By a show of hands that the accounts and supporting notes for the year ended 31 March 2021 be **APPROVED**.

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**Review of Earmarked Reserves:** It was reported that reserves totalled £350,566.75 (£348,864.86 after uncleared transactions had been processed) of which £212,021 had been earmarked for specific purposes. It was noted that EPPC was required to hold in general reserve an amount equivalent to 1 – 1 ½ times the precept. Following a discussion, it was:

**RESOLVED:** That the following Earmarked Reserves carried forward from 2020/2021 were still required for their specific purposes:

£2,063	Village Planting
£15,146	Village Enhancements
£7,799	Minor Village Maintenance
£4,078	Allotments
£5,882	Christmas Lighting
£68,412	Jubilee Hall and Playing Fields
£1,450	War Memorials
£998	Clerks Gratuity
£2,783	Village Youth Projects
	It was noted that in April 2021, EPPC had approved funds of £1,500 would be assigned towards the Bike Park
£78,154	EPPC Infrastructure Fund (Formerly Retention of East Peckham Surgery S137 Fund)
£7,553	Community Emergency Planning
£5,034	Churchyard Maintenance

It was further:

**RESOLVED:** That the following would be dealt with as follows:

£8,296	CCTV – Transferred to the Jubilee Hall
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Signed: Chairman.....

Date: 24 May 2021

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£65	Gardeners Association Deposit: Vouchers to the value of £65.00 would be purchased as prizes for the 2021 Best Village Front Garden Competition
£50	Bridge over the Stream: A payment would be forwarded to EP Primary School.
£4,258	125th Anniversary of EPPC: Some of the fund would be assigned towards the creation of the new DFC Sensory Garden on the Playing Fields.

It was further:

**RESOLVED:** That in order to reduce the earmarked reserves carried forward to 2022/2023 many projects would be bought to fruition during 2021/2022.

**112/21 2020/2021 INTERNAL AUDIT:** Attention was drawn to the following:

- The Accounts and Audit Regulations introduced from 1st April 2001 required EPPC to implement an independent internal audit examination of its accounting records and systems of internal control and for the conclusions to be reported each year in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).
- EPPC had complied accordingly, in terms of independence from its decision-making process by appointing Auditing Solutions Limited to provide this function to the Council.
- Auditing Solutions was currently processing 80+ internal audits for Local Councils. All of this was being done remotely and the final Internal Audit for 2020/2021 had not yet been completed. It was noted that the Clerk had scanned and sent 70+ documents to the IIA to assist with this process.

**113/21 2020/2021 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE ACCOUNTING RETURN**

It was reported that there was a prescribed order in the way in which items on the AGAR needed to be approved, i.e., the Internal Audit Report needed to be reported to council prior to the Completion of Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR.

*Signed: Chairman..... Date: 24 May 2021*

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**113/21.1 Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement**  
**RESOLVED:** That the document as copied to members would be approved in principle.

It was further:

**RESOLVED:** That following receipt of the Internal Audit report, the document would be formally approved, signed and dated by the Chairman and Clerk at the next meeting of the PC.

**113/21.2 Section 2 – Statement of Accounts**  
**RESOLVED:** That the document as copied to members would be approved in principle.

It was further:

**RESOLVED:** That following receipt of the Internal Audit report, the document would be formally approved, signed and dated by the Chairman and Clerk at the next meeting of the PC.

**114/21 Matters for further discussion:** There were none

**115/21 Date of next meeting:** Confirmed as January 2022

There being no additional business, the meeting concluded at 21.00 hours

*Signed: Chairman..... Date: 24 May 2021*

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