

## **RFO Report Finance Q4 (reported in May 2025)**

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## **Summary**

Nash Mills Parish Council (NMPC) is at the end of Q4 and financial year end (31/3/2025), however as the Q3 report was delayed and the previous clerk left on 31/3/25, the Q3 report reflected the financial position up until 28/02/2025. To allow the new clerk, who started on 01/04/25, time to review the financial position at the end of Q4 this report has been delayed. Budget setting and precept demand were the subject of separate finance reports presented at the November 2024, January and February 2025 meetings.

Total balances held on accounts (less NatWest final interest payment) on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 £99,083.38 of which £66495.25 is currently earmarked (see page 5 below).

NMPC has previously been made aware that DBC are reviewing the warden and concurrent services grant. Last year this was approx. £11100. It is likely that this grant will either be substantially reduced or removed for 2026/27. Any loss of all or part of this will have a huge impact on future budget setting. There is currently an earmarked sum to cover 1 year's loss which should allow NMPC to make future budget amendments on a phased basis to cover any loss.

#### **Ongoing Matters/ Projects in Progress**

The bulleted list below details the current projects under investigation by NMPC.

Some items have been fully approved, and funds earmarked accordingly, some remain outstanding and require a council decision.

#### Asset Improvement

At present NMPC are waiting for permission from DBC regarding the installation of new benches but due to lack of resources at DBC this is unlikely to be resolved quickly (this point is unchanged from the previous report and DBC have been chased). Earmarked Reserves (EMR 338) 4 yr plan reserves £6372.09

#### Playpark

The playpark closed on 31/3/2025 and this has reduced the agreed budget for 2025/26. The asset register has been updated to reflect this loss.

## Staffing

The new clerk started on 1/4/2025, which resulted in a reduction in salary costs against the staffing budget set for 2025/26. However, the outgoing clerk claimed for unused annual leave at the end of March, which saw increased spending in salary, HMRC and pension contributions than forecast. Additionally, back-dated pay awards in November (from April). This is why this is currently showing as a 103.9% spend. Overall, this change in staffing should show as underspend at year end March 2026.

#### Training Budget

NMPC have a healthy training budget of £743 set for 2025/26, however with a new Chairman & Vice Chairman Personnel there may be demand for HR training courses (webinars supplied by HAPTC). The new clerk has booked training through HAPTC: Basic Finance for New Clerks, Introduction to VAT and Budgeting at a cost of £105. Additionally, training for Rialtas financial software system will also be booked as more dates become available. There are additional funds on EMR Business expenses (£4285.87) should the training budget be exceeded in 2025/26.

NMPC should be mindful at budget setting 2026/27 that an increase to the training budget may be required for CiLCA (Certificate in Local Council Administration) training for the incoming clerk and this is in the region of £450 for the qualification plus approx £300 for the supporting training courses. Business continuity funds in earmarked reserves could potentially be used to cover these fees.

## • Business Planning

Following elections in 2023 NMPC created a working group to devise a business plan for the term 2023-27. Several projects have been completed or are in progress. Some projects have been removed following further investigations/lack of permission or support by other agencies.

As Council are now halfway through their term the business plan and the council output should be reviewed and aims outlined early in the new financial year to ensure that any expenditure is ready for budget setting 2026/27 (initial budget usually discussed Sept/Oct annually). The original spreadsheet, created by the previous working group lead, has been updated by the outgoing clerk and can be found on the SharePoint site. Items completed or not progressing have been removed and notes added.

#### Gateway Signage

NMPC approved a rolling programme of gateway sign replacement (following the installation of a new sign after an insurance claim in Feb 2024). The warden has confirmed the order of importance and funds have been earmarked for this. An agenda item should be included early in the new financial year to arrange for permission and installation of the signs.

Funds on CIL EMR, first Barnacres then Belswains then Lower Road -2024 prices £1085 (Glasdon sign) + £485 installation.

#### Internal Audit 2025/26

Internal Auditor to be appointed via an agenda item as soon as the Annual Governance and Accountability return is completed in May/June 2025. (IAs get booked up very early in the new financial audit year). IA for 2024/25 booked for 30/04/25.

#### Interest Bearing Accounts

Council should be mindful of expiry dates of fixed term deposits; the next expiry date is 10/4/2025 for £10,175.48. This will expire and be deposited back into the Lloyds current account in order to pay expenses before the precept is received into the account. Future agenda items to be tabled for reinvestment after the precept is received in April.

#### Other considerations for potential earmarking or allocation of funds

- Parish Map £5000 already earmarked for artist and lectern style signage, although NMPC may choose to use CIL funds instead and then this EMR fund will require reallocation.
- Additional benches throughout the parish (waiting for DBC permissions) approx. £2500

#### Other financial actions to note

• (Pre full council meeting) finance leads meetings to be implemented according to new clerk's hours/Cllr Maddern & Cllr Kennedy's schedules.

#### Projects Completed this year

- Library Box
- Bleed Kit
- School Liaison (democracy project)

## CIL funding

Currently there is £16,106 remaining in the CIL reserves fund. (historic £11 difference between accounting software and spreadsheet)

Council to note that CIL is a conditional spend that also has an expiry date of 5 years from the date of receipt.1

The parish council must use the CIL receipts passed to it to support the development of the parish council's area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation, or maintenance of infrastructure; or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on the area.

#### **CIL Expiry dates**

2025	£4,473.67
2026	£2,696.00
2027	£2,284.00
2028	£300.00
2029	£6,362.99

#### Budget for 2025/2026

The council submitted a precept request for £38897.33 supported by the published budget. There has been a small decrease per household of approx. 16p per annum per band 'D' property as the council have committed to spending more funds from their reserves to enable this increase to be kept to a minimum.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Community Infrastructure Levy - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

#### **Financial Headlines**

Position 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (income/expenditure)

	Budget	Actual	Variance	Notes
Income	51425	61383	(9958 119.4% (over budget)	Interest bearing accounts are performing well and interest is over budget, £2330 received so far  CIL money has been awarded £6363 (this is not in budget)  £75 compensation in from NatWest due to a complaint lodged by clerk.
Expenditure	52477	57572	5095 109.7% over budget	outgoing clerk claimed for unused annual leave at the end of March and backdated pay awards in Nov which saw increased spending on salary, HMRC and pension contributions

Budget heading Overspends over £100 or 15% of budget (reported as required in our Financial Regulations)

No concerns at present. Majority of items performed as expected but notable exceptions listed below

(please also see attached reports)

- 4000 Staff Costs (inc HMRC & Pension) showing at 103.9% (£38,751 versus £37,301) Back dated pay awards in Nov and outgoing clerk claimed for unused annual leave at the end of March, which saw increased spending in salary, HMRC and pension contributions
- 4130 Community grants showing as 666.6% overspend due to unbudgeted contribution to Nash Mills School from earmarked reserves.
- 4162 Sundry expenditure showing as 751% budget (£901 spend versus budget £120 CPRE talk, and refreshments, Bleed Kit install, Remembrance signage, bookmarks (£645 EMR used)
- 4160 Misc (Park & Inpections) showing as 146.9% budget (£676 spend versus £460 budget).
   Additional costs as NMPC decided to have 'accompanied' inspections which were an extra £50 per visit and paint for the library box.
- 4163 Defib Sundries showing as 120.4% (£266 spend versus budget £221) due to replacement batteries, paediatric and adult pads being purchased all at the same time.

Budget Heading Underspends over£100 or 15% of budget (reported as per our Financial Regulations)
No concerns at present. (see attached details)

4140 Training/conferences as the clerk resigned, she did not attend the annual conference which
was budgeted for.

4065 Parish Magazine. Edition only just produced therefore March position will reflect printing
costs for Spring edition. It should be noted that due to deadlines moving only 2 editions have been
produced this financial year and therefore there will be a large underspend at year end. It should
also be noted that all advertisers have been invoiced for 3 editions in this financial year and
sufficient editions must be provided in 2025/26 or their next invoices reduced accordingly.

Kimberley Moore

Clerk to the council 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

#### **Attached**

Earmarked Reserves
Bank reconciliation -All Accounts
Receipts and Payments details

Please note that documents from this point onwards are from third party software and are therefore not accessible. Please ask the clerk should you require additional formats.

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	Account	Opening Balance	Net Transfers	Closing Balance
320	EMR - Business Expenses	10,000.00	-5,714.13	4,285.87
321	EMR - Playpark	4,981.64	-4,981.64	0.00
324	EMR - Election Costs 2027	3,000.00		3,000.00
325	EMR - Election Costs 2030	3,000.00		3,000.00
326	EMR - Community Support	4,842.50	-301.36	4,541.14
328	EMR - Verges	10,000.00		10,000.00
329	EMR - Community Events	404.11	630.00	1,034.11
330	EMR - Projects, Denes Defib Jub	6,906.09	-5,706.09	1,200.00
331	EMR - CIL (Conditional spend)	11,501.34	4,604.61	16,105.95
338	EMR 4-Yr Plan reserves	11,372.09	-5,000.00	6,372.09
339	EMR-Parish map and board fund	0.00	5,750.00	5,750.00
340	EMR - warden grant contingency	0.00	11,206.09	11,206.09
		66,007.77	487.48	66,495.25

#### **Bank reconciliation All Accounts**

#### Nash Mills Parish Council

#### Bank - Cash and Investment Reconciliation as at 31 March 2025

ank Statement Balances			
31/03/2025	Lloyds Current A/C	889.47	
31/03/2025	Natwest BR	21,326.37	
31/01/2025	NatWest Current A/C	2,117.47	
31/03/2025	Lloyds 32 Day	13,075.85	
31/03/2025	LLoyds 6m deposit	10,175.48	
31/03/2025	natwest 35 day	20,527.13	
31/03/2025	Natwest 95 Day ac (464)	30,971.61	
			99,083.38
Il Cash & Bank Accounts		_	
1	LLoyds Current A/C		889.47
2	NatWest BR		21,326.37
3	NatWest Current A/C		2,117.47
4	Lloyds 32 Day		13,075.85
5	Lloyds Holding TF Account		0.00
6	Lloyds 6m Deposit		10,175.48
7	NatWest 35 Day Ac (456)		20,527.13
8	NatWest 95 Day Ac (464)		30,971.61
	Other Cash & Bank Balances	_	0.00
	Total Cash & Bank Balances	_	99,083.38

# **Receipts and Payments details**

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·	•	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual	Variance Annual	Committ Expendit		nds ilable	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
100	locama								
_	Income			40.5				470.00	
	Precept	38,897		(0)	29,69	90		176.3%	
	Council Tax Grant	11,118						100.0%	
	Bank Interest	2,490		( ,				332.0%	
	Grants Received	500		()				0.0%	0.000
1110	UL.	6,363	0	(6,363)				0.0%	6,363
200	Administration								
4000	Staff Costs (Inc HMRC & Pensio	(38,751)				(	1,450)	103.9%	
4002	WFH allowance & mileage	(423)	(499)				76	84.8%	
	Payroll Charges	(226)		24			24	90.2%	
	P.O.Box	(354)					(7)	101.9%	
	Communications/Mobile	(221)					57	79.5%	
	Office Supplies	(99)					248	28.5%	
	Subscriptions	(1,288)					47	98.5%	
	Insurance	(722)					246	74.6%	
	Equipment Replacement	(355)		()			(355)	0.0%	214
	Audit Fees	(815)					(15)	101.9%	
	Website Maintenance	0					100	0.0%	
	ICT/Licenses/IT Support	(784)					319	71.1%	
	Community Grants	(3,433)				(	2,933)	686.6%	3,333
	Grants Made	(200)		Ç)			(200)	0.0%	200
	Conferences/Training Courses	(168)					575	22.6%	
	Section 137	(40)		(40)			(40)	0.0%	
	Misc (park inspect and misc)	(676)					(216)	146.9%	52
	Park Repairs	0	()				600	0.0%	
	Sundry Expenditure	(901)					(781)	751.0%	645
	Defib Sundries	(266)	(221)				(45)	120.4%	
	Hire Costs (Hall or Zoom)	(393)					83	82.6%	
	Tools/Covid Exp	(147)					73	66.7%	
	Garage Rent	(701)	(678)	(23)			(23)	103.3%	
250	Parish Magazine								
1150	Advertising (Income)	646	660	14				97.9%	
4065	Parish Magazine	(1,660)	(2,591)	931			931	64.1%	
300	Projects								
4164	2023 Coronation	(40)	0	(40)			(40)	0.0%	40
4301	The Denes Project/maintenance	(2,402)	(1,300)	(1,102)		(	1,102)	184.7%	1,392
4305	Christmas Lights/Repairs/sign	(1,155)	(1,241)	86			86	93.1%	
999	VAT Data								
	VAT on Receipts	1,529	0	(1,529)				0.0%	
	The second part of the second pa	1,020		(1,525)				0.070	
		Actual Year To Date	Current Annual		mmitted senditure /	Funds Wallable	% Sper	nt Trans to/from	
515	VAT on Payments	(1,355)	0	(1,355)		(1,355)	0.0	96	
510						(.,000)			
	Grand Totals:- Receipts	61,543	51,425	(10, 118)		E 00.51	119.7		
	Payments	57,572	52,477	(5,095)	0	(5,095)	109.7	76	
	Net Receipts over Payments	3,971	(1,052)	(5,023)					
	plus Transfer from EMR	5,876	0	(5,876)					
	less Transfer to EMR	6,363	0	(6,363)					
7	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	3,484	(1,052)	(4,536)					

A/c Code 4000 Staff Costs (Inc HMRC & Pensio

Centre

200 Administration

Date	Reference	Source	Transaction Detail	Debit	Credit
16/07/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	July HMRC	482.11	
16/07/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	July pension	490.98	
16/07/2024	so	Cashbook	July payroll	1,521.85	
16/08/2024	DD	Cashbook	AUGUST SALARY	563.95	
16/08/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	AUGUST SALARY	1,296.20	
16/08/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	AUGUST HMRC	346.37	
16/08/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	AUGUST PENSION	400.80	
16/09/2024	so	Cashbook	SEPT PAYROLL	563.95	
16/09/2024	so	Cashbook	SEPT PAYROLL	1,296.20	
16/09/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	SEPT PAYROLL	346.37	
16/09/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	SEPT PENSION	400.80	
16/10/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	OCT HMRC	346.17	
16/10/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	OCT PENSION	400.80	
16/10/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	SALARY OCT	563.95	
16/10/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	SALARY OCT	1,296.40	
16/10/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	IHLI TOP UP PYT	67.05	
16/11/2024	so	Cashbook	nov salary inclu back pay	2,397.38	
16/11/2024	so	Cashbook	nov salary inclu back pay	812.36	
16/11/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	nov hmrc	1,090.29	
16/11/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	nov pension	518.57	
16/12/2024	so	Cashbook	dec salary	595.17	
16/12/2024	so	Cashbook	dec salary and ot	1,770.29	
16/12/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	dec hmrc	639.08	
16/12/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	dec pension	577.33	
09/01/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	SALARY FEB	594.97	
16/01/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	HMRC JAN	395.18	
16/01/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	PENSION JAN	415.51	
16/01/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	JAN SALARY CORRECT NOMINAL COD	1,365.95	
09/02/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	feb hmrc	505.73	
16/02/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	pension feb	488.63	
16/02/2025	so	Cashbook	feb salary	1,548.40	
16/02/2025	so	Cashbook	FEB SALARY	594.97	
16/03/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	March payroll	1,069.43	
16/03/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	March pension	862.59	
16/03/2025	so	Cashbook	March salary	594.97	
16/03/2025	so	Cashbook	March salary & annual leave	2,483.33	
27/03/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	final payroll March 2025 NB	191.76	
27/03/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	final pension NB EMP and EMYEE	93.22	
27/03/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	final HMRC NB	115.66	
	Account Staff	Costs (Inc HMR	C & Pensio Account Totals	40,637.16	1,886.34
	Centre Adm	inistration	Net Closing Balance	38,750.82	

A/c Code Centre		(park inspect and	misc)		Annu	ual Budget	460	
Centre	Date	Reference	Source	Transaction Detail		Debit	Credit	
					Opening Balance	0.00		
	16/05/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	quarterly play inspection		110.00		
	16/08/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	JULY PARK INSPECTION		157.50		
	23/10/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	PLAQUE FOR LITTLE LIB	RARY	51.82		
	16/11/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	park inspection		163.50		
	16/02/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	FINAL INSPECTION PLAY	PARK	163.50		
	16/03/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	Cllr Alan Briggs Expenses		29.47		
		Account Misc	(park inspect an	d misc)	Account Totals	675.79	0.00	
		Centre Adm	inistration	Net	Closing Balance	675.79		
A/c Code	4162 Sund	ry Expenditure			Annu	ıal Budget	120	_
Centre	200 Admir	nistration						
	Date	Reference	Source	Transaction Detail	_	Debit	Credit	
					Opening Balance	0.00		
	23/05/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	CPRE refreshments		90.00		
	16/06/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	DONATION FOR TALK CP	PRE MAY	100.00		
	01/10/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	CPRE ANNUAL MEMBERS	SHIP	60.00		
	21/10/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	remembrance signage		192.00		
	09/02/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	LIBRARY BOX BLEED INS	STALL	315.00		
	16/02/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	BOOKMARKS (SEE FEB 8	MARCH)	145.00		
	16/02/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	REVERSAL MORE ADDE	D		145.00	
	16/02/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	BOOKMARKS wbd		140.00		
	16/03/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	Monthly fee		4.25		
		Account Sund	Iry Expenditure		Account Totals	1,046.25	145.00	
		Centre Adm	inistration	Net	Closing Balance	901.25		
/c Code	4163 Defib	Sundries				Annual Budget		22
Centre	200 Admir	nistration						
	Date	Reference	Source	Transaction Detail		Debit	C	red
					Opening Balance	0.00		
	31/05/2024	ONLINE	Cashbook	defib batteries		32.07		
	05/02/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	PEDI PADS DEFIB		94.95		
	05/03/2025	ONLINE	Cashbook	Defib pads		139.00		
		Account Defi	b Sundries		Account Totals	266.02		0.0
		Centre Adm	Inletestics		Net Closing Balance	266.02		