

Ettington Parish Council

Report to Council

Date 10 March 2021

Item 13 Appendix 6	Asset Register
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The asset register enables the Parish Council to ensure an accurate record of its assets for the purpose of insurance and value and the latter serves to ensure good governance. More details is provided below.

**Value:** The Parish Council's main income is provided in the precept which is requested from Stratford District Council. Each year a budget is set, some of which allows for set aside toward future projects, repairs, etc (ear marked reserves). Specific other incomes, eg Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levi and grants are hypothecated for specific purposes and, again, are set aside in ear marked reserves.

The assets of the Council are reported annually as part of the External Audit process and there is a requirement to explain differences meeting certain criteria. The asset register enables elements of expenditure to be quantified. Thus if £6k is granted under CIL in year 1 and recorded as an ear marked reserve, and £3k of this is spent on a project in year 2 the value in the asset register will increase by £3k and the ear marked reserves will decrease by £3k and there is no requirement for a difference financial assets to be made.

Unlike commercial organisations, Parish Councils do not depreciate or revalue their assets for accounting purposes. Rather, if an item reaches the end of its useful life it is simply removed from the asset register.

**Insurance:** An asset register can be presented to the insurance broker and/or provider to ensure they are able to provide a realistic premium.

This is the primary purpose of reviewing the Asset Register at this time is that the Council's insurance is due for renewal on 1 April 2021.

**Action Required:** To review, query, comment and make a resolution in respect of the Asset Register.