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Bank Reconciliation up to 30/04/2025 for Cashbook No 1 - Unity Trust Bank

Date	Cheque/Ref	Amnt Paid	Amnt Banked	Stat Amnt	Difference	Cleared	Payee Name or Description
01/04/2025	BACS		14,221.50	14,221.50		R 📕	Receipt(s) Banked
16/04/2025	BACS		1,449.83	1,449.83		R 📕	Receipt(s) Banked
23/04/2025	BACS	25.00		25.00		R 📕	Whimple Victory Hall
23/04/2025	BACS	646.52		646.52		R 📕	DALC
23/04/2025	BACS	390.00		390.00		R 📕	ProLawn
23/04/2025	BACS	352.80		352.80		R 📕	Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd
23/04/2025	BACS	500.00		500.00		R 📕	Geoff Delves
23/04/2025	BACS	781.53		781.53		R 📕	Amy Tregellas Clerk
23/04/2025	BACS	279.16		279.16		R 📕	HMRC
30/04/2025	TRANSFER	6.00		6.00		R 📕	Unity Bank Service Charge
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		2,981.01	15,671.33				

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Bank Reconciliation up to 30/04/2025 for Cashbook No 3 - Unity Trust Bank Savings

Date	Cheque/Ref	Amnt Paid	Amnt Banked	Stat Amnt	Difference	Cleared	Payee Name or Description
28/04/2025	BACS		886.08	886.08		R	Receipt(s) Banked
	-	0.00	886.08				
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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/04/2025 for Cashbook 1 - Unity Trust Bank

Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
Unity Trust Bank	30/04/2025		51,836.75
		-	51,836.75
Unpresented Payments (Minus)		Amount	
		0.00	
		_	0.00
			51,836.75
Unpresented Receipts (Plus)			
		0.00	
		_	0.00
			51,836.75
	Balance	per Cash Book is :-	51,836.75
		Difference is :-	0.00
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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/04/2025 for Cashbook 3 - Unity Trust Bank Savings

Bank Statement Account Name (s)	Statement Date	Page No	Balances
Unity Trust Bank Savings Acc	30/04/2025		36,435.16
		-	36,435.16
Unpresented Payments (Minus)		Amount	
		0.00	
		-	0.00
			36,435.16
Unpresented Receipts (Plus)			
		0.00	
		-	0.00
			36,435.16
	Balance	e per Cash Book is :-	36,435.16
		Difference is :-	0.00
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WHIMPLE PARISH COUNCIL SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS FOR MAY 2025

PAYMENTS

Whimple Victory Hall Hire - April 2025. Invoice WVH-182	£12.50
Billy Bloomfield - invoice 119290. Repairing the Whimple village sign and flowerbed	£125.00
Source for Business Water; bill number 6089815178; The Allotments Grove Road; 17/10/24 - 14/04/25	£10.46
Clerk Salary (May 2025)	£781.33
HMRC PAYE Tax (May 2025)	£195.40
HMRC Employers National Insurance contributions (May 2025)	£83.96
Unity Trust Bank Fee - 01/04/25 to 30/04/25	£6.00 Will be debited on 31/05/25

TOTAL ALL PAYMENTS

£1,214.65

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		Last	Year			Curren	t Year				Next Year	
	_	Budget	Actual	Brought Forward	Net Virement	Agreed	EMR	Total	Actual YTD	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
100	Income											
1076	Precept	26,686	26,686	0	0	28,443	0	28,443	14,222	0	0	0
1080	Bank Interest	25	569	0	0	100	0	100	0	0	0	0
1090	Allotment Income	750	456	0	0	750	0	750	0	0	0	0
1100	Grass cutting reimbursement	0	327	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1105	DCC Cllr Locality Budget	0	500	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1120	CIL Income	0	20,244	0	0	0	0	0	886	0	0	0
1200	Grant or donation refund	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	- Total Income	27,461	48,861	0	0	29,293	0	29,293	15,108	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	27,461	48,861		-	29,293	-	29,293	15,108	0		
200	Expenditure											
4000	Clerks Salary	9,500	9,359	0	0	9,960	0	9,960	782	0	0	0
4010	Payments to HMRC PAYE and NIC	2,700	2,724	0	0	2,600	0	2,600	279	0	0	0
4060	Clerks Expenses	90	54	0	0	90	0	90	0	0	0	0
4065	Councillor Expenses	100	0	0	0	100	0	100	0	0	0	0
4070	Administration	600	699	0	0	700	0	700	294	0	0	0
4080	Allotment Rent Expenditure	320	345	0	0	336	0	336	0	0	0	0
4090	Audit Fees	500	310	0	0	500	0	500	0	0	0	0
4100	Computer	200	0	0	0	200	0	200	0	0	0	0
4110	DALC	529	532	0	0	585	0	585	565	0	0	0
4120	Dog Bin Emptying	3,300	3,023	0	0	3,950	0	3,950	0	0	0	0
4140	Grounds Maintenance	4,535	2,936	0	0	5,000	0	5,000	325	0	0	0
4150	Hire of Victory Hall	250	178	0	0	250	0	250	25	0	0	0

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	o / 7	0	0	0	170	0	170	0	0	0	0
	267	317	0	0	350	0	350	0	0	0	0
ssential Repairs	2,000	0	0	0	2,000	0	2,000	0	0	0	0
ommunity Grants	600	525	0	0	500	0	500	0	0	0	0
onation	0	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ank Service Charge	50	71	0	0	72	0	72	6	0	0	0
eneral Maintenance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	500	0	0	0
Overhead Expenditure	27,461	22,816	0	0	29,793	0	29,793	2,776	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(27,461)	(22,816)		-	(29,793)	-	(29,793)	(2,776)	0		
AT Data											
AT on Receipts	0	1,679	0	0	0	0	0	1,450	0	0	0
- Total Income	0	1,679	0	0	0	0	0	1,450	0	0	0
AT on Payments	0	1,450	0	0	0	0	0	205	0	0	0
Overhead Expenditure	0	1,450	0	0	0	0	0	205	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	229		-	0	-	0	1,245	0		
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WHIMPLE PARISH COUNCIL 19 MAY 2025 UPDATE ON RESERVES

At the Whimple Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 22 April 2025, as report regarding the Council's Reserves was considered. The Council **RESOLVED** to:

- 1. Approve the Reserves Policy
- 2. Change the name of the P3 EMR to Village Maintenance EMR
- 3. Move £4,648.90 from General Reserves into the Village Maintenance EMR, making the balance £5,000.00
- 4. Move £7,301.50 from General Reserves into the Neighbourhood Plan EMR, making the balance £7,500.00
- 5. Keep the Elections EMR at the level of £1,100.00
- Pay Mr Delves £500 invoice for repairs to the Lomas Seat from the Lomas Seat EMR and move the remaining £500 into General Reserves, making the balance £0. Remove the Lomas Seat EMR
- 7. Change the name of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) EMR to Play Equipment Project EMR
- 8. Move £30,705.08 from General Reserves into the Play Equipment Project EMR, making the balance £35,549.08
- 9. Set up a new EMR called Locality Budget
- 10. Move £500 from General Reserves into the Locality Budget EMR
- 11. Set up a new EMR called Town Lane Project
- 12. Move £7,000 from General Reserves into the Town Lane Project EMR
- 13. Approve that the £886.08 CIL due to be received from EDDC on 28 April 2025 is moved into the Town Lane Project EMR, giving a balance of £7,886.08

Following the meeting, the above listed changes to the EMRs were carried out. Details of the journal transfers and an overall summary are attached as an appendix to this report.

Earmarked Reserves

The total money now in the Council's Earmarked Reserves is £57,535.16. Details of the split across the Earmarked Reserves is included in the next page of this report.

Savings Account

The Council's savings account currently has a balance of £36,435.16. Ideally the total balance of the EMR should be in the savings account.

It is recommended that:

The Council moves £21,100 from the Current Account to the Savings Account for the following reasons:

- 1. The total for all EMR (i.e. £57,535.16) would then be held in the savings account.
- 2. The Council would generate more interest holding the money in the savings account (currently 2.25% compared to no interest on the current account)

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Earmarked Reserves

	Account	Opening Balance	Net Transfers	Closing Balance
320	EMR - Village Maintenance	351.10	4,648.90	5,000.00
321	EMR - Neighbourhood Plan	198.50	7,301.50	7,500.00
322	EMR - Elections	1,100.00		1,100.00
323	EMR - Lomas Seat	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.00
324	EMR - Play Area Project	4,844.00	30,705.08	35,549.08
325	EMR - Locailty Budget	0.00	500.00	500.00
326	EMR - Town Lane Project	0.00	7,886.08	7,886.08
		7,493.60	50,041.56	57,535.16

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urnal Ref: 2	Jo	ent Year		30/04/2025	Date
Credit	Debit	Transaction Detail	Centre Description	Description	A/c
	4,648.90	Transfer to Village Maint EMR	0	General Reserves	310
4,648.90		Transfer to Village Maint EMR	0	EMR - Village Maintenance	320
4,648.90	4,648.90	5 Journal Totals	0 agreed by Council on 22 A	ive: Movement of £4,648.9	Narrat

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Date	30/04/2025		Current Year		Journal Ref: 3
A/c	Description	Centre Description	Transaction Detail	Debit	Credit
310	General Reserves	0	Transfer to NP EMR	7,301.50	
321	EMR - Neighbourhood Plan	0	Transfer to NP EMR		7,301.50
Narrative: Council agreed to transfer £7301.50 from GR to Neighbourhood Plan Journal Totals			7,301.50	7,301.50	

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A/c	Description	Centre Description	Transaction Detail	Debit	Credit
323	EMR - Lomas Seat	0	Move from EMR to GR	1,000.00	
310	General Reserves	0	Move from EMR to GR		1,000.00
Narrat	£500 to be paid to M	ve money out of the Lomas Seat I r Delves for works to the Lomas S Agreed by Council on 22 April 202	eat. Remaining	1,000.00	1,000.00

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Date	30/04/2025		Current Year	J	ournal Ref: 4	
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310	General Reserves	0	Tfr to Play Area EMR	30,705.08		
324	EMR - Play Area Project	0	Tfr to Play Area EMR		30,705.08	
Narrative: The Council agreed to transfer £30,705.08 from GR to the Play Area Journal Totals Project EMR to make the amount £35,549.08. Agreed on 22 April 2025			30,705.08	30,705.08		

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Date	30/04/2025		Current Year	J	ournal Ref: 5
A/c	Description	Centre Description	Transaction Detail	Debit	Credit
310	General Reserves	0	Tfr from GR to Locailty EMR	500.00	
325	EMR - Locailty Budget	0	Tfr from GR to Locailty EMR		500.00
Narra	tive: Council agreed to m on 22 April 2025	ove £500 from GR to Locailty	y Budget EMR. Agreed Journal Totals	500.00	500.00

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Date	30/04/2025		Current Year		Journal Ref: 6
A/c	Description	Centre Description	Transaction Detail	Debit	Credit
310	General Reserves	0	Tfr to Town Lane EMR	7,000.00	
326	EMR - Town Lane Project	0	Tfr to Town Lane EMR		7,000.00
Narrative: The Council agreed to set up a new EMR for Town Lane Project and to Journal Totals transfer £7000 from GR to the EMR. Agreed on 22 April 2025			7,000.00	7,000.00	

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A/c	Description	Centre Description	Transaction Detail	Debit	Credit
310	General Reserves	0	Tfr to Town Lane EMR	886.08	
326	EMR - Town Lane Project	0	Tfr to Town Lane EMR		886.08
Narrative: Council on 22 April 2025 resolved to move CIL funding of £886.08 into Journal Totals			886.08	886.08	

Whimple Parish Council End of Year Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) statement for the 2024/25 financial year

Receipts	£	£
Balance brought forward from 2023/24	4844.97	
CIL received in 2024/25 - May 2024	5085.00	
CIL received in 2024/25 - October 2024	15158.55	
Total CIL Receipts	25088.52	
Payments		
CIL spent during 2024/25		0.00
CIL Returned to EDDC		0.00
Total CIL Payments		0.00
Total CIL remaining as at 31/03/25	25088.52	

Note: The CIL funding of £25,088.52 is currently in an Earmarked Reserve for the Play Area Project Note2: At the end April 2025 an amount of £886.08 was received.

The total received to date is now £25,974.60 which matches the amount listed on the EDDC website

Signed:

Parish Clerk & RFO

Parish Council Chair

<u>Date:</u>

WHIMPLE PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR

<u>Overview</u>

Whimple Parish Council (WPC) remains in a sound financial position.

WPC prepared a detailed balanced budget of $\pounds 27,461$ for the 2024/25 financial year. However, the Council resolved to set the precept at $\pounds 26,686$, which meant that the Band D total would be $\pounds 36.36$ (an increase of $\pounds 3.18$ or a 9.59% increase).

The budget was prepared in November/December 2023, and was based on the best estimates of anticipated income and expenditure during the 2024/25 financial year.

Budget details:

Income was set at £27,461

This was made up of the precept of £26,686, bank interest of £25.00 and allotment income of £750.00.

Expenditure was set at £27,461

The detailed categories within the payments budget can be found below in the section relating to actual expenditure.

Actual income in 2024/25

During the year, the actual amount of income that came into the Council was $\pounds 48,861$, which was better than the budgeted income of $\pounds 27,461$:

	Budget	Actual
Dresset	000 000	000.000
Precept	£26,686	£26,686
Bank Interest	£25	£569
Allotment Income	£750	£456
Grass cutting	Nil	£327
reimbursement		
DCC Councillor Locality	Nil	£500
Budget		
Community Infrastructure	Nil	£20,244
Levy Funding		
Refund of a community	Nil	£80
grant		
VAT Reclaim for 2023/24	Nil	£1,679
Total	£27,461	£50,541

Notes:

Precept

The amount of precept received by the Council was the amount budgeted.

Bank Interest

The Council took the decision to move its saving accounts to Unity Trust Bank, which is a community bank, to secure a much better interest rate. This is why the amount of interest is better than budgeted.

Allotment Income

The amount of allotment income was less than budgeted. The allotment bills were issued in early February 2025, and as at the end March 2025 chasing up of non-payments was still taking place.

Grass cutting reimbursement

The Council received an amount of £327 from Devon County Council for the cutting of visibility splays during the 2024/25 financial year.

DCC Locality Budget (Cllr Iain Chubb)

Cllr Chubb gave the Council £500 from his Locality budget to cover the costs of weeding the bed of the river running through the Square. The Environment Agency confirmed that the work could not be carried out during the period of 16 October 2024 to 1 June 2025 due to potential disruption to migrating fish. Quotes are in the process of being obtained and this work will be carried out in 2025/26. The £500 has been added to an earmarked reserve.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) income

During the 2024/25 financial year, the Parish Council received £20,244 of CIL from East Devon District Council (EDDC). This money has been added to the earmarked reserve for the play area project.

Refund of community grant

The Council received a refund from a grant recipient as the total costs for the project ended up being less then the amount of funding they had obtained from the Council.

VAT Reclaim

The Council reclaimed the amount of £1,679 VAT from the HMRC for VAT expenditure incurred during the 2023/24 financial year.

In summary, the Council budgeted income of \pounds 27,461 but actually received \pounds 50,540 during 2024/25, resulting in \pounds 23,079 more income than anticipated.

To link the receipts back to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2024/25 the split between the precept and total other receipts is, as follows:

Precept = $\pounds 26,686$ Total other receipts = $\pounds 23,854$ Total = $\pounds 50,540$

Actual expenditure in 2024/25

During the year, the actual amount of expenditure incurred by the Council was $\pounds 24,266$ and was less than the budgeted expenditure of $\pounds 27,461$:

	Budget	Actual
Clerk's salary	£9,500	£9,359
Payments to the HMRC	£2,700	£2,724
Clerks expenses	£90	£54
Councillor expenses	£100	Nil
Administration	£600	£699
Allotment rent	£320	£345
expenditure		
Audit fees	£500	£310
Computer	£200	Nil
Subscriptions (DALC)	£529	£532
Dog & Litter Bin Emptying by EDDC	£3,300	£3,023
Grounds Maintenance	£4,535	£2,936
work, i.e. grass cutting	0050	0.170
Hire of Whimple Victory Hall for meetings	£250	£178
Insurance	£1,600	£1,523
Remembrance Sunday wreath	£30	£20
Telephone	£120	Nil
Training	£170	Nil
Water Rates	£267	£317
Essential Repairs	£2,000	Nil
Community Grants	£600	£525
Donation in remembrance of Cllr Alan McArthur	Nil	£200
Unity Bank Service Charge	£50	£71
VAT on payments	Nil	£1,450
Total	£27,491	£24,266

Notes:

Clerk's Salary

The actual expenditure on the Clerk's Salary was slightly underspent when compared to the budget. The budget included an estimate for the Local Government Pay Award which was slightly less than anticipated.

Payments to the HMRC for Income Tax (PAYE) and National Insurance Contributions The actual figure was slightly overspent (by £24) when compared to the budget.

Clerks Expenses

The Clerks expenses was underspent when compared to the budget. Expenses included Land Registry searches, postage expenses and the purchase of a portable hard drive for the Council.

Councillor expenses

There was no expenditure against this budget during 2024/25

Administration

The administration budget was overspent (by £99) when compared to the budget. The costs under this budget category are:

- Finance system support & maintenance £277
- Website hosting & support costs £250
- Data Protection fee £40
- Moving across to the new gov.uk domain named website & setting up new gov.uk email addresses £132

Allotment Rent Expenditure

This is the cost of rental of the land at Grove Road which is used for allotments, as the Council does not own this land. Exeter Diocese (landowners) completed a rent review during 2024/25 and put the price up by £45, which was more than anticipated when setting the budget.

Audit Fees

The audit fees budget was underspent by £190. This included audit fees for both the Internal and External Audit process, which are legal requirements.

Computer

There was no expenditure against this budget during 2024/25

Devon Association of Local Councils (DALC) subscription

The DALC subscription was pretty much on budget. The Council subscribes to DALC to ensure that it keeps up to date with legislation and best practice, as well as being able to get reduced rates on training for councillors and the Clerk.

Dog and Litter Bin Emptying

East Devon District Council provides this service for the Parish Council and had advised of a price increase in 2024/25. The actual expenditure was underspent by £277 when compared to the budget.

Grounds Maintenance

The grounds maintenance budget was underspent by \pounds 1,599 in 2024/25. This was due to the inclement weather during 2024/25 and the grass not being cut as often.

Hire of the Victory Hall

The budget for the hire of the Victory Hall for meetings was underspent by £72. The budget was set assuming that there would be one Planning meeting and one Council meeting each month (with the exception of August). However, the Council did not need to hold as many Planning Meetings as is it dependent on the planning applications coming forward from EDDC.

Insurance

The budget for insurance was slightly underspent (by £77).

Telephone

There was no expenditure against this budget during 2024/25.

Training

There was no expenditure against this budget during 2024/25.

Water Rates

The water rates budget includes Grove Road Allotments, Heberton Close Allotments and the Recreation Ground (Parish Field). The budget was overspent by £50. The water bills relating to the allotments are reclaimed back from allotment holders as part of the allotment fee.

Essential Repairs

No essential repairs needed to be carried out by the Council in 2024/25 so there was not expenditure against this budget.

Community Grants

The Council was slightly underspend (by £75) against this budget in 2024/25. The Council only received two applications for grant funding in 2024/25.

Donation

Following the death of Cllr Alan McArthur, who had been a councillor dedicated to serving his local community for over 22 years, the Council decided to donate some money to a charity supported by his family.

Bank Service Charge

The Council was slightly overspent (by $\pounds 21$) when compared to the budget. This is due to the fact that Unity Trust Bank increased the service charge for the current account to $\pounds 6$ a month.

VAT on payments

The figures in the other budget categories show the expenditure as net of VAT. Any VAT goes into a separate VAT account on the finance system. This resulted in VAT of £1,450 in 2024/25, which was reclaimed from the HMRC in April 2025.

In summary, the Council budgeted payments/ expenditure of £27,461 but actually spent £24,266 in 2024/25. This resulted in an underspend of £3,195.

To link the expenditure back to the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for 2024/25 the split between staff costs and other payments is, as follows:

Staff costs (Clerks Salary and payments to HMRC) = \pounds 12,083 All other payments = \pounds 12,182 Total = \pounds 24,265

Year end position (31 March 2025)

Opening Balance (01/04/2024)	£48,421
(Add) Receipts in 2024/25 (Less) Payments in 2024/25	£50,540 £24,265
Closing Balance (31/03/2025)	£74,696

This gives an increase to reserves of £26,275

<u>Reserves</u>

The Council considered a report on Reserves on 22 April 2025. Following the decision made at that meeting the balance of £74,696 is split between:

Earmarked Reserves

Money has been set aside to complete several projects in 2025/26 and beyond, as follows:

- Village Maintenance = £5,000
- Neighbourhood Plan = £7,500
- Elections = £1,100
- Lomas Seat = £0 (moved to General Reserves)
- Play Area Project (Parish Field) = £35,549.08
- Locality Budget = £500
- Town Lane Project = £7,000

Total earmarked reserves are £56,649.08

General Reserves

The total in the General Reserves is £18,046.92