



Finance & Administration Working Group

The Finance & Administration Working Group meet on the 25th of October in the Council office. There were apologies from Cllr S Green and the Chair of the Council as ex-officio member.

Cllr P Smith was elected as the lead of the group and presented the list of protected reserves and the proposed 3-year budget.

It was agreed that the working group should suggest that the Council continues to build up reserves in the following areas.

Election Expenses – £500 per year.

Church Clock – £200 per year.

Notice Board - £250 per year.

Play Area Development (Not Christopher Gibbons Field) – £1500 per year.

Play Area Repairs – £2000 per year

VH Entrance – £2000 per year until completed.

Environment – to be reviewed when the planters and wildflower programme is completed.

Christopher Gibbons Field – £10,000 per year

The working group said that any funds for the Christopher Gibbons Field should be used as match funding for any grant applications, to maximise the use of this funding.

It was agreed to suggest that the notice board at the Village Hall should be replaced as it is dangerous to use as it no longer holds up, open. This will be funded out of reserves to cover the cost. The rest of the notice boards are all in good state of repair.

The working group went through the New proposed budget for 2025/26 line by line and where needed decreased or increased the budget to provide the Parish Council services for the forthcoming year.

The group have also projected budgets for 2026/27 with an increase of 5% and 2027/28 with an increase of 4%. The purchase of the TV was presented under the right budget.

The Finance & Administration Work Group recommends a precept for 2025/26 of **£65,625.00**