



PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Parish Council acknowledges that we have had a year that has incurred several large financial costs. However, these costs were planned for by the Finance Committee in last year's budget and we are happy that we have met these considerable costs within that agreed budget along with the agreed increase in last year's Parish Council Precept.

It was agreed by the Parish Council in 2016 that we increase the precept by the amount of £20k to cover the cost of the Neighbourhood plan, thus allowing for any unforeseen expenditure that may arise.

We are happy to be able to reduce the Parish Council Precept by said £20K, for the financial year 2017/18 and have limited the precept increase to 2% in line with permitted increases.

The full cost of the neighbourhood plan, is still a somewhat unknown quantity, and grant funding has been available for some of the work. We have funding now ear marked in the reserve to finish the plan and we give our thanks to The Neighbourhood Planning Group for all their hard work and time given freely.

The Gladman Appeal Barrister Costs have been met from the general reserve and any remaining monies from the Neighbourhood Plan will "top up" our decreased reserve.

The base budget has seen no changes for this forthcoming financial year.

DATE FOR YOU DIARY

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 8th May this year, at the Village Hall. An invitation will be sent to each household nearer the time. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

- **Village Hall Management Committee Meeting** – Wednesday 1st February at 7.00pm in the Sunshine Room.
- **Parish Council Meeting** – Tuesday February 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall Lounge.
- **Planning Committee Meeting** –Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall Lounge.
- **Amenities Committee Meeting** – Monday 20th February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The Parish Office is open three half days a week: Monday 9.30am – 12.30pm, Wednesdays & Friday 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Contact Details: Phone 01477 535825 (answerphone out of office hours)