

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes and Action Points

Date / Time: 18th September 2025, 8.00pm

Location: Rushden Village Hall

Councillors Present: Kate Heath (KH) - CHAIR, Steve Pettyfer (SP), Graham Lamb (GL), Jenny Barlow (JB)

In attendance: Mark SG Hopley (MSGH) - Clerk, Michelle Hopley (MH) - Clerk, Steve Jarvis (District and County Councillor) and 8 members of the public

Item	Description	Status / Action
25/045	To receive and accept apologies for absence Apologies were received from Sue Lewis	-
25/046	Declarations of interest and dispensations a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda - None. b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests - None. c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate - NA.	-
25/047	To confirm the Minutes of Rushden and Wallington Annual Meeting and Parish Council meeting held on 15th May 2025 Minutes were <i>carried unanimously</i> as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. No matters arising, other than those on the agenda. Minutes were signed by the Chair.	-
25/048	Report from the District and County Councillor. - Variable success of the new waste bin arrangements but time will get this settled down. New blue topped bins should have been delivered by now. If not then residents should complete this form on the NHDC website https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/request-new-replacement-or-larger-bin - Potholes - trials of new ways of working are being carried out and the results of these will be communicated in due course. The main trial is about completing all pot holes in a given area in one go rather than the current piecemeal approach. Bennetts Lane in Rushden is due to have some repairs carried out in November 2025.	-
25/049	Wallington Footpath 22 No updates on Wallington footpath 22. GL has received no updates from the Council but was assured that issues were being progressed.	
25/050	Community Drivesafe Update. - Still not allowed to be carried out where there is a 20mph zone. - The number of volunteers appears to have been raised back up to 10. - There is an opportunity provided by the police and crime commissioner for local residents to be issues with speed cameras. Residents can then report speeding vehicles to the police who will contact the owner directly and if the owner gets three letters then points can be issued.	

Item	Description	Status / Action
25/051	IT and data policy requirements changes - Under the Smaller Authorities Proper Practices Panel (SAPPP) review there is now a requirement to separate out our digital and GDPR policies and ensure clarity around these through our policies and regulations. We started this journey with our move over to the .gov.uk website and email addresses as well as making our website accessible to all (you will see that we have a green “Accessibility” box at the bottom right of all of our web pages) - What used to be called Assertion 3 "Compliance with laws, regulations and proper practices" is now split and Assertion 10 “Digital and Data Compliance” has been created. We need to comply with this starting from April 2026. - This will require the PC to have: - An IT policy. - Data protection and privacy policies to ensure compliance with UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act. - Official email domains such as .Gov.UK - Comply with website accessibility regulations. - We comply with all but the IT Policy and MH will propose these as well as putting forward specific data protection and privacy policies for approval at the next Parish Council meeting in January 2026.	MSGH
25/052	Review of safeguarding, awareness and communication KH has a new poster that will be displayed on notice boards and the website.	KH
25/053	Planning including an update on planning applications being added to the PC Website. Existing Applications - The Old Well Green, Southern Green – external rendering and insulation. Permission has been granted. - Youngloves Farmhouse – rendering and weatherboarding. Permission has been granted. New Applications: - Windmill House, Bennetts Lane – conversion of an outbuilding. A planning meeting was held on the 5th August 2025 to discuss this application and comments were submitted to the planning department from the Parish Council following that meeting. No decision has yet been received from the Planning department. - Upgrade of existing telecommunications base station at Cumberlow Green Farm. - Lightrock Solar Farm South of Cumberlow Green. - It was believed that the deadline for comments had been extended to the end of October. - The presentations and final planning proposal appear to be a great deal more professional than the Beane Valley proposal. - Wallington Residents have been made aware of the proposal via the village WhatsApp groups as they are slightly further removed from the potential impact of the solar farm. - It was felt that the Parish Councilors representing the Rushden Parish now need to make their views clear in objecting to the plans and submitting such an objection to the planning department. SP agreed to draft the objection, circulate this draft to all the Councilors for approval and then submit on	

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	behalf of the Parish Council. - It was also noted that there have been a significant number of email representations to the Clerks email address which need to be noted and referenced in any response that the Parish Council might make. - Communication has already been done via village WhatsApp groups of deadlines, planning application numbers and how to access the NHDC planning portal to submit individual comments. This may need repeating. - MH will investigate adding this to the website. MH asked Ian Roper to provide all relevant links as well as more leaflets that could be dropped around the Wallington Parish.	SP MSGH MSGH
25/054	Finance: - MSGH presented the accounts to 31.8.25. Spend year-to-date is under budget by £4.28 and is forecast to remain on or under budget for the remainder of the year. - Draft budget was presented and approved. Final sign off will be at the January PC meeting: - Inflation is assumed to be around 2% on those lines normally impacted by inflationary increases. Overall the inflationary impact on the PC budget is around 1% or £43. - Proposal to retain the precept request at £4,500 which is the same as the prior year and is still lower than that in 2020. - This allows us a contingency of around £200 or 5% which was agreed to be a comfortable level. - Banking Update - Lloyds have now introduced their monthly fee of £4.25. This is covered by the interest we are currently earning on our reserves. - If interest rates keep falling we may need to consider budgeting for this fee as costs may outweigh interest income. - There are no other banks that offer dual authorization without a monthly fee and Lloyds is one of the lowest monthly fees.	MSGH
25/055	Confirm date of next meeting and any items to be included on that agenda. - Next PC Meeting due on 22nd January 2026 - Proposed future meeting dates - Tuesday 14th April 2026 - Wallington Parish Assembly (Wallington VH) - Wednesday 15th April 2026 - Rushden Parish Assembly (Rushden VH) - Thursday 14th May 2026 - Parish Council AGM and PC Meeting (Wallington VH) - Thursday 17th September 2026 - Parish Council Meeting (Rushden VH) - Thursday 21st January 2027 – Parish Council Meeting (Wallington VH)	
	The Chair closed the meeting at 9.10pm	

ANNUAL MEETING

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Date / Time: Thursday 15th May 2025, 8.00pm

Location: Wallington Village Hall

Councillors Present: Kate Heath (KH) – New Chair, Jenny Barlow (JB) – Ex-Chair, Graham Lamb (GL), Sue Lewis (SL)

In attendance: Mark SG Hopley (MSGH) - Clerk, Michelle Hopley (MH) – Clerk & 1 member of the public

Item	Description	Status / Action
25/017	To Elect Chair for 2025-26 - Kate Heath was proposed by JB and seconded by SL as Chair for 2025/26 - Carried unanimously. - KH signed the Declaration of Acceptance Form which was witnessed by the Proper Officer, MSGH.	
25/018	To receive and accept apologies for absence Steve Pettyfer	
25/019	Declarations of interest and dispensations a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda - None. b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests - None. c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate - NA	
25/020	To Confirm Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) Mark Hopley was confirmed as RFO.	
25/021	To Consider the Financial Reports for the Year Ending 31 March 2023 - Financial Reports were distributed in advance of the meeting to the Parish Councillors. - There was a question raised about which salt bin belonged to the Parish Council and which was owned by NHDC – KH thought that the yellow Wallington salt bin was council owned and the Rushden black bin was owned by the Parish Council. The asset register will be updated to reflect that one salt bin is owned by the Parish Council. - Financial Reports were <i>unanimously accepted</i>. - The financial reports including those going back to 2018-19 can be found on the Parish Council website.	MH
25/022	To Consider / Approve the Annual Governance Statement (Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 22/23 Form 2 - Page 5) - AGAR distributed in advance of meeting to Councillors. - Resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement. <i>Unanimously accepted.</i> - KH (Chair) and MSGH (Clerk) signed AGAR Page 5.	
25/023	To Consider / Approve the Accounting Statements (Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 22/23 Form 2 - Page 6) Resolved to approve the Accounting Statements. <i>Unanimously accepted.</i>	

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Item	Description	Status / Action
	- KH (Chair) and MSGH (RFO) signed AGAR Page 6.	
25/025	To Consider / Approve the Internal Audit Report (Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 22/23 Form 2 - Page 4) - Signed Internal Audit Report distributed in advance of meeting to Parish Councillors. - The Internal Audit was carried out by Andy Nunn. - Resolved to approve the signed Internal Audit Report. <i>Unanimously accepted.</i>	
25/025	Formal Declaration that Rushden and Wallington Parish Council are an exempt authority (Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) 22/23 Form 2 - Page 3) - <i>Unanimously accepted</i> that R&WPC are an exempt authority. - KH (Chair) and MSGH (RFO) signed AGAR Page 3	
25/026	Review Risk Register - The only change to the register that was proposed prior to the meeting was that the clerk is to confirm that the precept has been received each year. - Updated item to ensure that as a Parish Council we comply with all of our insurance requirements, not just having insurance in place but making sure that if the Parish Council made a claim that we could prove that we had complied with all of our insurance requirements. - This item came about as a result of the tree collapse in Wallington. It became clear that if we had made a claim then we would have had to have shown that we had a suitable tree maintenance programme in place. We would have been able to prove this but the Parish Council need to be aware and raise concerns if, throughout the year, there are situations that arise that require a change to our processes and record keeping. - It was suggested that we should pass these comments onto the trustees of both the Rushden Manor Trust and the Wallington Common Trust - <i>Unanimously accepted.</i>	ALL MH
25/027	Review Standing orders including Finance Regulations, Planning Process and code of conduct. - No changes in the last 12 months.	
	Confirm date of next Annual meeting and any items to be included on that agenda - Thursday 14th May 2026.	
	The Chair closed the meeting at 8.20pm.	

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25/029	To receive and accept apologies for absence Steve Pettyfer	
25/030	Declarations of interest and dispensations a) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda - None. b) To receive written requests for dispensations for declarable interests - None. c) To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate - NA.	
25/031	To confirm the Minutes of Rushden and Wallington Parish Council meeting held on 25th January 2025 Minutes were <i>carried unanimously</i> as a true and accurate record of the proceedings. No matters arising, other than those on the agenda. Minutes were signed by the Chair.	
25/032	Report from the District and County Councillor Steve Jarvis sent his apologies, but he has a Council meeting this evening.	
25/033	Update on Solar Farm Proposals - Update by Lightrock at Rushden Village Hall on Tuesday 18th March 2025. It was felt that this was a slick presentation by their PR company but lacked any detailed information particularly on the noise pollution and visual impact. - Beane Valley solar farm proposal is now solely located in East Herts so falls under the jurisdiction of their planning authority only. - There was a letter from the local MP, Chris Hinchcliff, to local Parishes directly affected by the developments, but Rushden and Wallington Parish Council have not received this letter so cannot formally respond to it.	
25/034	Community Drivesafe The Community Drivesafe scheme has changed its guidelines and rules so that areas with a 20mph speed limit cannot now do their own speed monitor surveys. KH will follow this up with the Police and Crime Commissioner directly.	KH

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25/035	Potholes and state of Roads - SP's pothole walk and talk meeting with Ringway and the Council proved unfruitful and was very disappointing in that it achieved very little action. - All residents will need to continue to report all potholes to get them actioned. This can be done online by following the link below https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways-roads-and-pavements/report-a-problem/report-a-street-light-or-pothole.aspx - Steve Jarvis' understanding is that the preparation for surface dressing will take place in the Summer of 2025 and then the tar and chippings are planned to be done in the next council financial year i.e. sometime between April 2026 and March 2027. - It was noted by GL that appreciation should be made for the re-surfacing that has been done along Wallington Road.	
25/036	Wallington Footpath FP22 - GL received a letter from Kevin Moore at HCC saying that the situation was still being discussed. - GL proposed writing a formal letter to Steve Jarvis and Kevin Moore to ask for an official update.	GL
25/037	Waste Bin Changeover – August 2025 - New blue bins to be delivered in advance of the August launch. - Information is on the Parish Council website and on NHDC website. - Residents need to be aware of the 3 weekly cycle replacing the 2-weekly cycle.	
25/038	Parish Trees Proposed inspections every 18 months.	
25/039	CDA Herts After a conversation with Rushna Miah, head of CDA, it was felt that our Parish would not be suitable for the kind of work that CDA are promoting and with their current budget constraints it was agreed that it would not be feasible for them to come and present to us again.	
25/040	Review of safeguarding awareness and communication - KH supplied some new posters to put up on the notice boards - Links on the website to be updated and checked	MH
25/041	Planning including an update on planning applications being added to the PC Website. 24/01981/FP - Solar panels on land adjacent to Old Inn House in Redhill – Now Withdrawn 24/02061/FP - Julians Park proposals have been granted 25/00025/LDCP – Window replacement at Old Well Cottage in Southern Green has been granted 25/00654/FP – External Cork insulation and rendering – status is TBC 25/01028/LBC – Youngloves Farmhouse re-rendering and re-weatherboarding – TBC. MEW to circulates details to Rushden Parish Councilors	MEW
25/042	Finance: MSGH presented the accounts to 15th May 2025. 2 months into the financial year	

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	with very few transactions we are £4.28 under budget! - Banking update – Lloyds are now introducing fees to our bank account. The fees proposed by Lloyds will be about £5 per month. MSGH will look at alternative providers again but the market for dual authorization banks is small. - MH to phone Lloyds to investigate options - Tracy Westgate did suggest Santander as an option as she is aware that other Parish Councils have the same issue. She will also forward on other information from HAPTC regarding other PC banking arrangements.	MH TW
25/043	Confirm date of next meeting and any items to be included on that agenda. - Thursday 18th September 2025 - Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 22nd January 2026 - Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 14th April 2026 - Wallington Parish Assembly - Wednesday 15th April 2026 - Rushden Parish Assembly - Thursday 14th May 2026 - Parish Council AGM and PC Meeting - Thursday 17th September 2026 - Parish Council Meeting	
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Spend Vs 2025-26 Budget - Approved 23.1.25 2025-26

2025-26 Inflation Assumption 2%

	PYR Income / (Expenditure)	Actual or Estimate							SPEND BY PERIOD					ANTICIPATED SPEND TO COME				
			Rushden	Wallington	Total (Excl. Inflation)	Inflation %	Inflation £	Total (Incl. Inflation)	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January
Grass Cutting	(£1,235.00)	E	(£1,235.00)		(£1,235.00)			(£1,235.00)	(£195.00)		(£260.00)	(£130.00)		(£260.00)	(£130.00)	(£130.00)		
HAPTC Membership	(£258.55)	A	(£172.37)	(£86.18)	(£258.55)	6.8%	(£17.71)	(£276.26)	(£276.26)									
PC Insurance	(£214.00)	A	(£142.67)	(£71.33)	(£214.00)	2.0%	(£4.28)	(£218.28)		(£214.00)								
Tree maintenance	(£700.00)	A		(£700.00)	(£700.00)	2.0%	(£14.00)	(£714.00)						(£714.00)				
Information Commissioner	(£35.00)	A	(£23.33)	(£11.67)	(£35.00)			(£35.00)						(£35.00)				
Website Hosting costs including website and email support	(£85.15)	A	(£76.77)	(£38.38)	(£115.15)	2.0%	(£2.30)	(£117.45)							(£117.45)			
Wallington Insurance	(£236.55)	A		(£236.55)	(£236.55)	2.0%	(£4.73)	(£241.28)							(£241.28)			
Staff Costs	(£600.00)	A	(£400.00)	(£200.00)	(£600.00)			(£600.00)								(£600.00)		
Dog Bin Emptying	(£321.94)	E	(£214.63)	(£107.31)	(£321.94)	2.0%	(£6.44)	(£328.38)										(£328.38)
Rushden Insurance	(£335.93)	E	(£306.11)		(£306.11)	2.0%	(£6.12)	(£312.24)										
Printing & Stationery	(£106.92)	A	(£66.67)	(£33.33)	(£100.00)			(£100.00)										
Village Hall Hire	(£90.00)	A	(£75.00)	(£75.00)	(£150.00)			(£150.00)										
Tree inspection and report		A				2.0%												
Election Fee																		
Sub-Total	(£4,219.04)	£534.87	(£2,712.54)	(£1,559.76)	(£4,272.30)	1.3%	(£55.59)	(£4,327.89)	(£471.26)	(£214.00)	(£260.00)	(£130.00)		(£1,009.00)	(£488.73)	(£730.00)		(£328.38)
Available for one-off expenses		A	(£114.74)	(£57.37)	(£172.11)			(£172.11)										
Total Precept Required 2023-24	(£4,219.04)	£660.76	(£2,827.28)	(£1,617.13)	(£4,444.41)	1.3%	(£55.59)	(£4,500.00)	(£471.26)	(£214.00)	(£260.00)	(£130.00)		(£1,009.00)	(£488.73)	(£730.00)		(£328.38)
			63.6%	36.4%			(£55.59) Check	(£4,500.00) Check										
Prior Year Precept 2024-25	£4,850.00	A	£3,233.33	£1,616.67	£4,850.00			£4,850.00	£2,250.00					£2,250.00				
			66.7%	33.3%														

Explanation of Budget Methodology

This budget has been drafted using the "Incremental Budget" method - i.e. starting with historical figures from the latest invoiced costs

2% inflation has been applied to all general costs unless renewal costs are already known at the time the draft budget is produced.

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Spend Vs 2025-26 Budg

	February	March	Invoiced Spend To Date	Anticipated Spend to Come	Full Year Forecast	Full Year Forecast Vs Budgeted Good / (Bad)	Comments	Background Information Upon which the 2024-25 Budget was based
Grass Cutting		(£130.00)	(£585.00)	(£650.00)	(£1,235.00)		Based on PYR and assumes no inflation increase as Greg has not increased prices for a number of years	19 Cuts @£65 = £1,235
HAPTC Membership			(£276.26)		(£276.26)		Actual Fees already communicated 7.11.24 - 6.8% inflation being applied	Actual Fees already communicated 7.11.24. HAPTC fees up by 6.3% and NALC fees up by 12%. Weighted average 6.8%
PC Insurance			(£214.00)		(£214.00)	£4.28	Based on PYR & Assumes 2% inflation	Actual 24/25 = £214 (6.4.24) - New Provider Zurich
Tree maintenance				(£714.00)	(£714.00)		Contingency sum for emergency works & outstanding works after storms in November 2024	Contingency sum for emergency works & outstanding works after storms in November 2024
Information Commissioner				(£35.00)	(£35.00)		Based on PYR & Assumes no inflation	Actual 2024-25 = £35 (28.9.23) - £5 discount for completing it online
Website Hosting costs including website and email support				(£117.45)	(£117.45)		Likely to increase for full year hosting and annual development of website.	Net Nerd Invoices 24/25 = £25.16 (20.8.24) & £59.99 (4.10.24)
Wallington Insurance				(£241.28)	(£241.28)		Based on PYR & Assumes 2% inflation	Actual 23/24 = £239.06 (25.9.23)
Staff Costs				(£600.00)	(£600.00)		£600 PA salary	No Pay Rise anticipated
Dog Bin Emptying				(£328.38)	(£328.38)		Based on PYR & Assumes 2% inflation	Based on bill in 2024-25 of £321.94 (27.1.24)
Rushden Insurance		(£312.24)		(£312.24)	(£312.24)		Based on PYR & Assumes 5% inflation for 2024-25 and 2% for 2025-26	Actual 23/24 = £285.82 (4.3.24)
Printing & Stationery		(£100.00)		(£100.00)	(£100.00)		Based on PYR (with no one-off costs)	Actual 2024-25 = £102.57 (one off exceptional IT equipment cost)
Village Hall Hire		(£150.00)		(£150.00)	(£150.00)		Estimated requirement in 2025-26 - Assumes £15 per booking for 10 bookings	Based on 10 Meetings a year @ £15 each (3 PC & 2 PA & 5 Planning)
Tree inspection and report							Updated report required in 2025-26	Updated report required in 2025-26
Election Fee							New Fee introduced in 2023 - Flat Fee of £250 for 5 seats in an election year	New Fee introduced in 2023 - Flat Fee of £250 for 5 seats in an election year
Sub-Total		(£692.24)	(£1,075.26)	(£3,248.35)	(£4,323.61)	£4.28	Sub-total of regular expenditure	
Available for one-off expenses		(£172.11)		(£172.11)	(£172.11)		Contingency (3.83%) of total budget	Contingency (3.83%) of total budget
Total Precept Required 2023-24		(£864.35)	(£1,075.26)	(£3,420.46)	(£4,495.72)	£4.28		
Prior Year Precept 2024-25			£2,250.00	£2,250.00	£4,500.00	£350.00	Reduction in Precept Required of -7.2% of total budget, which helps reduce council tax rises 2025-26	
Explanation of Budget Methodology			£1,174.74	(£1,170.46)	£4.28			
This budget has been drafted using Budgeted annotated Spend			Error					
2% inflation has been applied to all			-130					
Unforeseen one-off expenditure or								

2026-27 Budget - DRAFT

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Bank Charges	(£51.00)	A																
Grass Cutting	(£1,235.00)	E	(£1,235.00)		(£1,235.00)			(£1,235.00)	(£130.00)	(£195.00)	(£130.00)	(£130.00)		(£260.00)	(£130.00)	(£130.00)		
HAPTC Membership	(£276.26)	A	(£184.17)	(£92.09)	(£276.26)	2.0%	(£5.53)	(£281.79)	(£281.79)									
PC Insurance	(£214.00)	A	(£142.67)	(£71.33)	(£214.00)	2.0%	(£4.28)	(£218.28)		(£218.28)								
Wallington Tree maintenance- Inspections & Reports	(£700.00)	E		(£700.00)	(£700.00)	2.0%	(£14.00)	(£714.00)						(£714.00)				
Information Commissioner	(£35.00)	A	(£23.33)	(£11.67)	(£35.00)			(£35.00)						(£35.00)				
Website Hosting costs including website and email support	(£59.99)	E	(£39.99)	(£20.00)	(£59.99)	2.0%	(£1.20)	(£61.19)							(£61.19)			
Wallington Insurance	(£241.28)	E		(£241.28)	(£241.28)	2.0%	(£4.83)	(£246.11)							(£246.11)			
Staff Costs	(£600.00)	E	(£400.00)	(£200.00)	(£600.00)			(£600.00)								(£600.00)		
Dog Bin Emptying	(£354.24)	E	(£236.16)	(£118.08)	(£354.24)	2.0%	(£7.08)	(£361.32)										(£361.32)
Rushden Insurance	(£312.24)	E	(£312.24)		(£312.24)	2.0%	(£6.24)	(£318.48)										
Printing & Stationery	(£100.00)	E	(£66.67)	(£33.33)	(£100.00)			(£100.00)										
Village Hall Hire	(£120.00)	A	(£60.00)	(£60.00)	(£120.00)			(£120.00)										
Election Fee																		
Sub-Total	(£4,299.01)		(£2,700.23)	(£1,547.78)	(£4,248.01)	1.0%	(£43.16)	(£4,291.17)	(£411.79)	(£413.28)	(£130.00)	(£130.00)		(£1,009.00)	(£437.30)	(£730.00)		(£361.32)
Available for one-off expenses			(£139.22)	(£69.61)	(£208.83)			(£208.83)										
Total Precept Required 2023-24	(£4,299.01)		(£2,839.45)	(£1,617.39)	(£4,456.84)	1.0%	(£43.16)	(£4,500.00)	(£411.79)	(£413.28)	(£130.00)	(£130.00)		(£1,009.00)	(£437.30)	(£730.00)		(£361.32)
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					Check		Check	Check										
Prior Year Precept 2024-25	£4,500.00	A	£3,000.00	£1,500.00	£4,500.00			£4,500.00	£2,250.00					£2,250.00				
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2026-27 Budget - DRAF

	February	March	Invloiced Spend To Date	Anticipated Spend to Come	Full Year Forecast	Full Year Forecast Vs Budgeted Good / (Bad)	Comments	Background Information Upon which the 2024-25 Budget was based
Bank Charges							New Fee introduced in 2024 - £4.25 p/m	New Fee introduced in 2024 - £4.25 p/m
Grass Cutting		(£130.00)		(£1,235.00)	(£1,235.00)		Based on PYR and assumes no inflation in 2026-27 as Greg has not increased prices for a number of years	19 Cuts @£65 = £1,235
HAPTC Membership				(£281.79)	(£281.79)		Actual Fees paid in 2025	Actual Fees paid in 2025
PC Insurance				(£218.28)	(£218.28)		Based on PYR & Assumes 2% inflation in 2026-27	Actual 25/26 = £214 (Zurich)
Wallington Tree maintenance- Inspections & Reports				(£714.00)	(£714.00)		Updated report required in 2025-26	Updated report required in 2025-26
Information Commissioner				(£35.00)	(£35.00)		Based on PYR & Assumes no inflation in 2026-27	Actual 25/26 = £35 (28.9.23) - £5 discount for completing it online
Website Hosting costs including website and email support				(£61.19)	(£61.19)		Lower than PYR as PYR had one-off 3 year Domain Renewal @ £25.16 (runs to 2027)	Net Nerd Invoices - 25/26 - Unlimited Hosting = £59.99 3 Year Domain agreement (2025-27) @ £25.16 Vs £20 per annum
Wallington Insurance				(£246.11)	(£246.11)		Based on PYR & Assumes 2% inflation in 2026-27	Actual 24/25 = £241.28
Staff Costs				(£600.00)	(£600.00)		£600 PA salary	No Pay Rise anticipated
Dog Bin Emptying				(£361.32)	(£361.32)		Based on PYR & Assumes 2% inflation in 2026-27	Based on bill in 24/25 of £337.37 and anticipated invoice in 25/26 (increasing by 5% Inflation by local authorities)
Rushden Insurance		(£318.48)		(£318.48)	(£318.48)		Based on PYR & Assumes 5% inflation in 2026-27 for 2024-25 and 2% for 2025-26	Actual 24/25 = £290.7
Printing & Stationery		(£100.00)		(£100.00)	(£100.00)		Based on PYR (with no one-off costs)	Based on PYR (with no one-off costs)
Village Hall Hire		(£120.00)		(£120.00)	(£120.00)		Based on 8 Meetings a year @ £15 each (3 PC & 2 PA & 3 EGM Planning)	Based on 8 Meetings a year @ £15 each (3 PC & 2 PA & 3 EGM Planning)
Election Fee							New Fee introduced in 2023 - Flat Fee of £250 for 5 seats in an election year	New Fee introduced in 2023 - Flat Fee of £250 for 5 seats in an election year
Sub-Total		(£668.48)		(£4,291.17)	(£4,291.17)		Sub-total of regular expenditure	
Available for one-off expenses		(£208.83)		(£208.83)	(£208.83)		Contingency (4.64%) of total budget	Contingency (4.64%) of total budget
Total Precept Required 2023-24		(£877.31)		(£4,500.00)	(£4,500.00)			
Prior Year Precept 2024-25				£4,500.00	£4,500.00		Reduction in Precept Required of 0% of total budget, which helps reduce council tax rises 2026-27	

Explanation of Budget Methodology
 This budget has been drafted using **Budgeted annotated Spend**
 2% inflation has been applied to all
 Unforeseen one-off expenditure or

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