

Responsible Financial Officer Report 2026

- The balance carried forward as of the 31st March 2026 was £78,909.33. This includes earmarked funds of £52,543.08.
- It was agreed that the Parish precept should be raised in line with inflation for the financial year of 2026/27 to manage ongoing increasing costs; as a result, a request was made of £28,986.00. This is an increase of £1678 from the last request, this is shown as a 3% increase for the homeowners on their Council Tax bill.
- As part of the statutory audit requirement the accounts of 2024/25 were submitted to SALC for the annual internal audit. The internal auditor's report was received ahead of the submission to the External Auditor (PKF Littlejohn), any recommendations have been noted and actioned. All the copies of the reports can be found on the website. The 2025/26 accounts will be submitted to SALC shortly.
- The Parish Council received CIL money totaling £4362.58. This money has been added to the £40707.87 making a total of £45070.45. Some of this funding has been used to support the Village Hall with assisting the payments to the architect and the quantity surveyor who are assisting with the proposed lift project and with a large sum paid to begin the project of the junction and forecourt outside the Village Hall, but a sum of £30,720.68 has been earmarked for further projects which will include the construction of the improved junction of Low Road and Bridge Street. These items of expenditure are in line with the recommendations by residents of the village using a questionnaire which was circulated to all the households.
- The Parish Council has had some expenditure since the last Annual Parish Meeting, which included a new laptop for the Clerk, some tree maintenance work on the recreation ground, the utility connections on the recreation ground and the new 'gov.uk' email addresses etc. In addition to this there are the everyday expenses such as grass cutting, play equipment maintenance, car park maintenance and the printing of the Community News newsletter. The Parish Council has been able to obtain £1350 in advertising revenue towards the cost of the newsletter, and we hope that more interest in advertising will continue.
- The Parish Council received funding and donations towards the cost of the Christmas Tree (£185), the new noticeboards (£3,031.59) and the Village Hall forecourt project (£6,000).
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- There are still vacancies on the Parish Council should anyone wish to join as a Councillor, please contact me.

Reports

No reports have been received by the Clerk for the:

Suffolk County Council which is due to the period of purdah leading up to the elections in May.

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Carpet Bowls Club

Kelsale Social Club

Suffolk Flora