

CLERKS REPORT APM – MAY 2025

Barham Parish Council finances for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

The Parish Council precept remained the same as the previous year at £31,249.00.

The accounts at the 31st March 2025

Barclays current account £57,449.86 and the Business Account £57,449.86, The accounts hold ring fenced money of £88,630.92 Community Infrastructure Levy and £15,000 grant received from Brett Aggregates. This ring fenced money cannot be used for the day to day running of the Parish Council Accounts. Which means that the Parish Council actually had £9,220.99 in hand at the end of the financial year. Therefore, the precept has had to be increased for the new current financial year so that the Parish Council can recoup sufficient reserves again. The financial loss was due to solicitor fees paid out for a court case relating to the picnic site.

£2,124.44 was received from the district council from the Community Infrastructure Levy and this money is to be spent within the village for the benefit of the community. As I mentioned £88,630.92 Community Infrastructure money is currently being held and £80,000 is ringfenced for the picnic site.

A one-off grant of £1000 was made to Claydon & Barham Local Community Trust Ltd.

A contribution of £1000 was made to the Barham Picnic Site Charity towards their legal costs of the transfer of the freehold. Along with £15,000 Community Infrastructure Levy money.

The Parish Council could not afford to make any of its annual donations.

The end of year accounts have been audited by the internal auditors Heelis & Lodge and were all found to be in order.

The Parish Council will approve the end of year accounts later on this evening at the AGM, before being sent off to the external auditors PKF Littlejohn.

The accounts will be posted on the village notice boards and website.

Thank you to the Chairman and Councillors for your support in my work, which has paid off to be far more smooth running over the past year.