

# BUCKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## Clerk's Report on 2024-25 Finances

### Summary

The Parish Council concluded the year with £8,471.28 in Reserves (compared to £6,223.24 last year); £3,500 in Earmarked Reserves and £4,971.28 in General Reserves. The Earmarked Reserves are for replacement of office equipment, election expenses, and staff emergency costs.

### Income

Total income for 2024/25 was £62,192.84, more than the previous year (£57,630.53). This was as a result of further CIL payments.

### Expenditure

The total expenditure for the Parish Council was £27,627.04 (compared to £42,864.94 the previous year).

There were no major projects for the Council this year due to the need to allow the CIL money to accrue interest to boost the Reserves. However, the Council supported the Village Hall with essential maintenance, and continued to spend funds on routine maintenance of the Playing Field, Allotments, and of Parish Council assets around the village. All of this expenditure was covered by CIL. There was very little in the way of unplanned spending.

### Looking Forward to 2025/26

Our projects for 2025/26 must be limited as there is a necessity to build up the General Reserves in line with the Parish Council's Reserves Policy. The budget is very tight and the Council must continue to be mindful of being frugal with the finances. As before, a grant must be sought for any necessary expenditure not already budgeted for or not covered by CIL. It will be necessary to discuss allocating the remaining CIL funds (£50,623.01) as this will need to all be spent within the remaining 4 years or returned.

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