

# BUCKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## Clerk's Report on 2025-26 Finances

### Summary

The Parish Council concluded the year with £36,906.83 in Reserves (compared to £8,471.28 last year); £29,443.41 in Earmarked Reserves and £7,463.42 in General Reserves. The Earmarked Reserves are for replacement of office equipment, election expenses, staff emergency costs, the Play Equipment Project, Highways Project, and the Photography Workshops.

### Income

Total income for 2025-26 was £91,073.12, more than the previous year (£62,192.84). This was as a result of successful grant applications for various projects.

### Expenditure

The total expenditure for the Parish Council was £79,326.28 (compared to £27,627.04 the previous year).

There were two major projects for the Council this year: the Play Equipment Project and the Highways Speed Reduction on the Brightwell Road. The Council continued to support 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 2026-27

Our projects for 2026-27 will be to complete the Play Equipment Project and the Highways Speed Reduction on the Brightwell Road. The budget continues to be very tight and the Council must continue to be mindful of being frugal with the finances as always.

As before, grants 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 (£14,946) as this will need to all be spent within the remaining 3 years or returned. A suggestion of a fence around the new Play Equipment has already been mooted.

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