

AGAR - End of Year 2025-26 Financial Statement for Henbury Parish Council

The balance at the end of the year was higher than the previous year due to a number of factors, the most noticeable was the increase in the precept together with a larger VAT refund than previous years and more CIL money. The difference was £15 502 (this was very similar to the previous year ie 2025 £15 216). The significant difference between the years is initially surprising, however the council received a significantly greater amount of CIL in 2025 (2025 additional CIL Money received = £9869. 40 whilst 2026 additional CIL Money =£501.56).

Staff costs were slightly higher than the previous year ie £4600 as opposed to £4527 the previous year.

The amount of additional money the council received (ie other than the precept) was down on the previous year ie only £4082 this year against £12 755 in year ending 2025

Expenditure was very much in line with the previous year ie £14 980 as opposed to £16012. Any fluctuations are usually caused by unexpected or unpredictable events such as tree maintenance, amount of winter gritting needed, breakdown of equipment etc. There were no significant out goings from the budget in financial year ending 2026

However, £1300 was used from the CIL account (money can only be used for infrastructure projects) to improve and widen part of the footpath across the fields from Henbury Rise to Whirley Road.

Moving forward the budget for 2026-2027 has provided for an increase in Staff cost due to the clerk hours increasing from 5 to 7 h/w which has resulted in the additional costs of the payment of NI. The grant to the Millenium Green will be increased by £300 for the first time since inception.

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