



## Beckley Parish Council Second Quarter Financial Report 2024-2025

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#### Receipts £14,736.36

As anticipated the second half of the precept was received being £12,500. Bank interest for the period was £96.15, MUGA bookings £43.66 and a vat reclaim for 2023-2024 of £2,096.55 was collected

#### Payments £5,729.74 Net of Vat (£6,083.44 Gross)

The rain finally stopped enough to allow the grass to be cut fortnightly on Jubilee Fields and Buddens Green and to cut, monthly, the path through Frog Field and hedge cutting in these areas, at £463.25. However, due to the holidays the bill for August was not submitted until September. The annual play equipment inspection at £184 found no major concerns. The council has an annual inspection by an independent expert as councillors and staff do not have the required expertise whilst they are competent to complete regular visually inspections.

The council also regularly checks the defibrillators through the village and a new set of defibrillator pads cost £74.59., as they were about to pass the use by date. Good news that no one had had cause to make use of it.

The parish council is looking to improve communications with residents and spread news of the good works that the parish council does in and around the parish. The newsletter for the period cost £118.42.

The council is keen to assist local groups and it donated a shed to the Growing Network (£705.18) and this has been installed at the rear of the Village Hall.

The remaining expenditure is the council running costs: salaries £3,560.99, room hire £32, payroll £30, external audit £210 and office costs £179.71.

Running Balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 stood at £44,114.71 within that the council holds a reserves of £12,500 and outstanding project works of:

Housing Needs Survey £2,748

School Field Ditch £310

Budden Green Rear Field Clear £650

Budden Green main road side ditch £2,500

The above will nearly all be completed in September and paid in October. It should be noted that the School Field ditch and Housing Needs Survey were agreed in the previous financial year and so do not form part of this current years' budget. Similarly, the council reserves were allocated to resolving the flooding issues at Budden Green so the Budden Green ditch work will not be registered against this years' budget unless it can be covered by any under spend at the end of the year.

At six months, it appears that council spending is close to expectations. A large amount of the grass cutting costs are still to be paid. On the other hand, some budget allocations may not be spent at all.