

Financial analysis 2024-25

For annual village meeting: 14th May 2025.

1. Accounts have been presented and reviewed by the internal auditor. No comments were made.
2. Draft accounts will be presented to the Parish Council this evening.
3. The precept for 2024-25 was £40,554, which was an increase of 3% on the previous year.
4. Expenditure last year 2024-25 was £50,906. This was a decrease from the previous year, with a spend of £83,067 in 2023-24. The majority of this increase was money spend on refurbishing Silverlands Play Area.
5. Income for 2024-25 totalled £52,563. In the previous year, income was £44,850. In the previous year the Council received an additional £32,703 from Wiltshire Council to take over the management of the play area at Silverlands Road. This year we have received a larger than normal VAT return of £8,455 for money spent on the Silverlands Play Area.

Looking forward.....

6. The Parish Council voted to increase the precept in January 2025 by 20%. This will give the Parish Council a total amount of £48,970.88.
7. The Parish Council's priorities for this year:
 - a. Renewed grounds maintenance contract at an increase from £169 per month to the current contract which is £516 per month (large grass areas)
 - b. Increasing waste management
 - c. Neighbourhood Plan costs – savings on site selection but the draft document will have to have a referendum and there will be a cost for printing and collating that.

- d. Playground repairs: playground equipment is aging and needs replacing. The swing set in Silverlands Play area has just been changed at a cost of £3k.
- e. Footpath creation at Tanis
- f. Potential legal fees over landownership disputes.
- g. Potential to purchase a decommissioned classroom to use as a meeting space at the large playing field (cost £3.5k), plus transport and utilities.

The final accounts can be viewed from July – September officially but you are welcome to ask any questions or see any information at any time.