



Burston and Shimpling Parish Council

Responsible Financial Officers Annual Report for Year Ending 31st March 2020

This has been another busy year financially for the Parish Council, with important projects undertaken as well as maintaining existing facilities.

At the start of the financial year, the Band D rate was set at £54.50, a 1.87% increase on the previous year, which raised a Precept of £11,173. This was the first year without any Support Grant from the District Council due to a change in Government policy. The budget was set at £15,525 as there were sufficient funds to cover the difference carried forward from the previous year.

After the recent update to the play equipment it was suggested that it would improve the safety for younger children if it could be fenced. We managed to raise sufficient funds to do this, partly from the Tesco Bag's of Help scheme, so many thanks to anyone who gave us their tokens.

The Parish Council also supported the working party for a permanent Burston War Memorial on Church Green, to complement the roll of honour in St. Mary's Church. .

We continue to maintain the Churchyard around St. George's in Shimpling, the Playing Field, Community Orchard, Church Green, and other items (like benches) throughout the Parish. We contribute to St. Mary's churchyard, and the youth groups.

We have ended the year within budget and with a smaller deficit to the Precept than last year.