



Financial Report

Precept for 2025-26: **£34,200**

Precept for 2026-27: **£35,550**

This reflected an increase of **£1350** and just less than **4%**

Total Gross Payments - **£49,921**

Expenses Summary

- Village maintenance including extensive work to the ditches, hedging, mowing and general upkeep **£2,699**
- Welcome Fund **£94**
- Training **£223**
- Defibrillator **£522**
- Hall Hire **£196**
- Accountants, Internal and External Audit **£713**
- Milland Tennis Club Maintenance **£1333**
- Speed Indicator **£4673**

Public Works Loans x 2 - Milland Stores balance - £ (total payment £4,113)

Grants:

- Recreation Field maintenance & renewals **£3,250**
- Cartersland Wildflower Group **£200**
- Churchyards **£1,000**
- Hollycombe School **£500**
- Milland Community Store – refurbishments and improvements **£16,300**

Donations:

- Air Ambulance **£250**

Subscriptions:

- West Sussex Association of Local Councils (WSALC) **£314**
- Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) **£47**

Other:

- Pension Costs **£309**
- IT support and Security **£354**
- Clerks Salary **£12,521**
- PAYE **£53**
- Insurance **£773**
- Payroll Processing **£312**

Ringfenced funds:

- Tennis courts resurfacing fund **£7,693**
- Defibrillator Fund **£2,064**
- King's Coronation Fund **£1,045**
- CIL **£5,419.09**
- Tree Surgery **£10,000**



2025-26 VAT reclaim will be £1290

Receipts:

As well as the precept the Parish Council received:

- Milland Tennis Club **£2,511**
- VAT refund of **£730**

Total Available Funds 31st March 2026 **£37,477.82**

Recreation Field Summary

- The difficult weather meant it has been a more difficult year for the field. Rob Findlay, despite the difficult conditions, did a fantastic job keeping it looking fantastic.

Total Gross Payments: £5,869.32

Total Receipts: £3,250

Summary of Payments:

- Maintenance **£5.632**
- Administration (bins, RoSPA Inspection, Moles) **£237**

Summary of Receipts:

- VAT Reclaim **£142**
- MPC Grants **£3,250**

Closing Balance £7,335.36

Overview of the year:

- It has once again been a busy financial year.
- Councillors were particularly conscious of the ongoing economic uncertainty and worked hard to keep the increase to the precept to the bare minimum and ensuring the availability of funds for the necessary projects.
- We have once again seen a rise in the need for the Council to assist with miscellaneous hedging, ditching and verge maintenance particularly in view of another wet winter and ongoing issues with flooding and damage to the roads. Again, massive thanks to Rob Findlay for all he does for these projects.
- Spend in line with precept amount, with the exception of additional grant to the Milland Shop of £16k from reserves.
- Higher clerk costs due to handover period to new clerk.

Expression of Thanks:

- To all Councillors, for their time, hard work and engagement.
- To Rob Findlay for his management of the Recreation Field and ongoing maintenance of the Parish.