

Chalk Pit Re-Development

- Finance and Annual Parish Budget
- Re-development process and options

Chalk Pit Impact on 2024-2025 Budget

Cllr Charles Crosthwaite Eyre – Chair Finance Committee

- Rating Valuation change impact on commercial affordability
 - In 2023, the 2017 2022 RV increased from £12,750 to £21,750
 - Rates payable therefore jumped from approximately £1,750 to £14,000
 - Commercially unviable for tenant terminated agreement
- Impact loss of income and transfer of costs ~£30,000
- Budget response
 - Evaluate options and develop a plan
 - Financial settlement with Tennant
 - Identify and apply for grant finance
 - If necessary, utilise Financial Reserves

Parish Budget 2024-2025 Headline changes

Expenses and Income before Precept change	Budget 23/24	Budget 24/25
TOTAL Expenses	£48,698	£66,694
Major changes:		
Tree Maintenance	£5,000	£10,000
Chalk Pit Costs - insurance/rates etc		£19,173
Total Income	£52,004	£58,457
Major Changes		
Ant Structures Rent	£15,000	
Cowdown Renewables Ltd Grant		£5,000
ANT Structures site clearance payment		£4,000
Transfers from Reserves		£10,000
Shortfall 2024-2025 before precept adjustment		-£8,237

Chalk Pit – Financing strategy

 Only budgeting for essential care and maintenance costs through 2024/2025

- Sale of site option will be considered against:
- Re-development of Chalk Pit
 - Subject to full financial cost benefit assessment
 - No planned Parish finance for re-development
 - Financed through grants, co-development or donations

2024-2025 Precept Analysis

Precept increase

- 2023/4 precept was £47.90/household; TVBC average £46.19
- Overall financial shortfall (after contribution from Earmarks and Reserves) £8.2K
- Precept increase of 26% or £12.60 per Band D property.
- New precept will be £60.50/household per year

Reserves

Total reserves of £18,410 provides sufficient cover against fixed costs

Possible additional financial impacts through 2024/5

- Lease dilapidations settlement currently undetermined.
- Capital raising through sale of property
- Rent income for 2024/5 only if net financial impact is positive

Looking Beyond 2024-5

Possible future budget cuts

- Street lighting could we reduce annual charge of £4.2k lighting time or dim
- Tree maintenance unlikely with tree maturity
- Ground Maintenance possible but negative impact on public areas

New Income from Chalk Pit

- Sale for redevelopment
- Parish Council redevelopment
- Co-development of existing site with commercial partner

Rebuild Reserves

Once Chalk Pit future is settled – review level of Reserves

Cowdown Renewables Ltd Grant of £5,000 towards Chalk Pit re-development



Chalk Pit Project

Cllr Richard Bennett – Chair Chalk Pit Working Group

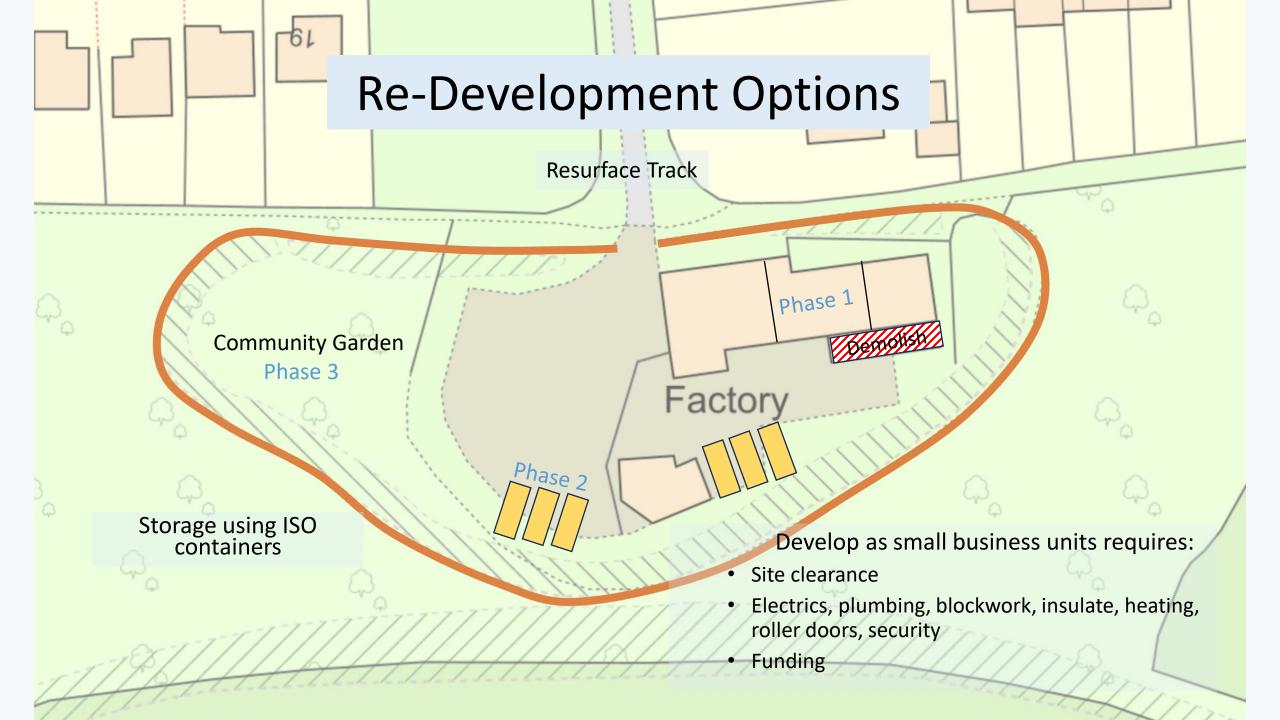


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Chalk Pit Options

	Sell	Develop
Benefits	Minimal effort Immediate cash for Parish Limited funding requirement	Sustained income for Parish — reduced council tax Small business site for Parishioners Enhanced visual appearance
Risks & Issues	Loss of control of site Loss of regular income Legal challenge	Significant effort Funding requirement Future management

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Chalk Pit Project Plan

