

## **Responsible Financial Officer's Annual Report 2025-2026**

The Parish Council has had another successful financial year with an adequate bank balance and precept provision. The increased precept agreed by Councilors for 2025-2026 allowed the PC to modestly increase its reserves to a more acceptable nationally acceptable level.

The use of open source software and operating systems for the PC's laptop continues to be successful and has again deferred the need to purchase a new laptop.

The PC has adopted a new government recommended email regime for all Councilors and the Clerk/RFO after much internal debate. The PC is now confident that it meets current Government standards for security with all digital communications, which has increased annual operating costs by a small amount.

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**Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer**