

# Finance and Administration Committee Report to the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2009

**Committee:** Councillor Susan Barclay (Chair)  
Councillor Wendy Chambers  
Councillor Keith Masdin  
Councillor Ian Plain

## **1. Budget 2008/2009 and forecast budget for 2009/2010**

The budget set for 2008/2009 was sufficient for the parish needs whilst still leaving adequate reserves.

The budget for 2009/2010 (copies of which have been provided), has been set producing a decrease in the parish precept of 12.4%. This means a decrease in council tax to a band D home owner of £3.68 per year down from £28.33 to £24.65.

## **2. Expenditure**

The Parish Council is mindful of the current economic climate so will be looking to reduce costs wherever possible. We have already achieved this by changing our telephone and internet supplier last year and we continue to do so this year by changing our council insurance provider.

We have also been encouraged by the favourable response to the limited advertising which is keeping our Bulletin printing costs down to the agreed budget level.

We will of course, continue to explore opportunities to receive funding by grants for projects for which this is a possibility.

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