

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE ANNUAL
PARISH MEETING ON MONDAY 19TH APRIL 2010**

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

1. BUDGET 2009/2010 AND FORECAST BUDGET FOR 2010/11

The budget set for 2009/10 was sufficient for the parish needs whilst still leaving adequate reserves.

The budget for 2010/11 (copies of which have been provided) has been set producing a decrease in the parish precept of 7%. Bathford PC is only one of four local councils to reduce their precept this year.

2. EXPENDITURE

The Parish Council is ever mindful of the current economic climate so will continue to strive to reduce costs wherever possible.

The Council was pleased to be informed recently that Bath & North East Somerset was now supplying both Vehicles Activated Signs for the village. This means the money we had previously precepted for one of them can now go into our reserves and can be used for new projects and used when we come to set future precepts.

We continue to be 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.

Finance & Administration Committee

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