

PIDDINGTON & WHEELER END PARISH COUNCIL

Budget for 2013/14

Clerks Salary & pension	£ 4400
Other admin –telephone, post, insurance, website, audit, office	£ 2400
Village Hall-hire	£ 250
Recreation Ground – grass/maint	£ 1500
Noticeboards, bus shelters, War Memorial, dog bins	£ 1000
Grass cutting – Piddington Green including the allotments	£ 2000
Wheeler End	£ 500
Subscriptions	£ 350
Chipps Hill	?
Reserve account	£ 5000
Total	£ 17,400

We should end the year with approximately £12,000 in the bank, this will include the VAT refund.

We will not know what our Council Tax base for this year is until early December and it may come as a shock as new government legislation is changing all the formulas used by Districts to work it out. It may be that with this information and a possible reduction in services by Bucks CC we may have to increase it.

We do not give ourselves a reserve budget, this year we should start doing that as our funds will be in a better position to do this. For example I was to be ill you would probably have to pay out for another Clerk for a period of time (up to 6 months).

The hedge laying, which will be in the following years costs will be in the region of £2000.

The SLCC are currently negotiating pay scales and hopefully a rise this year will be agreed. We have not had anything since 2009; with that in mind I have budgeted for a maximum of 2% which equates to another £85 per annum with a proportional increase in the pension figure and this too may be changed by legislation and changes to schemes, however probably not for the coming year.

We need to be developing a 5 year business plan to cover all possible eventualities, including my retirement in March 2016 and the purchase of new equipment, possible rental of storage space etc. as well as repairs and renewals. It seems dramatic for a Parish our size but I suspect if we want to maintain the standard of services to our residents that we now have, it will be, in the future, the parish that will have to fund or part fund it.

It is all very well County and District not being allowed to increase their Precept but I think we will find that there is a hidden agenda where parishes, who are not capped, will be the fall guys.

The Band D cost for the Parish Council over the last few years have been as follows:

06/07	55.16
07/08	50.03
08/09	57.37
09/10	56.96
10/11	70.63
11/12	69.41
12/13	69.68