Sampford Brett Parish Council
Parish Meeting Minutes
Wednesday 11th December 2024

Minutes of the Sampford Brett Parish Council Meeting which took place on Wednesday 11th December 2024 and was held at Sampford Brett Village Hall, beginning at 6.30pm.

Parish Councillors Present: J Swan (Chair), N Brodrick (Vice Chair), B Martin, S Miles, J Russell, T Skinner, and S Voller

In Attendance: County Councillor R Woods and Mrs T-A Biss (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer)

6.30pm - PRIOR TO THE START OF THE MEETING:

a) **Questions and comments from members of the public.**
Correspondence from Parishioners regarding traffic speeds along Tower Hill, Williton – refer to Page 621, Item 6.1.

b) **Request to address the Parish Council from members of the public.**
No request had been received from members of the public.

c) **Reports from Somerset County Councillors**
Apologies received from Somerset Councillor Cllr H Davies. Cllr Davies and Cllr Woods reports had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting. Cllr Woods provided a further update focused on the Somerset Electoral Review and will forward additional information to the Clerk for circulation to the Members.

The meeting was then formally opened.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE THE REASONS GIVEN (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

1.1 None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS
Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items (as set out within the Parish Council's Code of Conduct), and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that corresponds with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). (NB this does not prevent any later declarations)

2.1 None

3. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2024 AND THE MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH MEETINGS HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2024 AND MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2024 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

3.1 Parish Council Meeting - 11th September 2024

3.1.1 Points of accuracy: Page 613, Item 10.4 – The next meeting of the WSFG is due in January ~~2024~~, 2025.

Resolution:
That following the "points of accuracy" amendment, the minutes of the meeting of Sampford Brett Parish Council held on 11th September 2024 were approved as being a true and correct record and signed as such.

3.2 Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting - 23rd October 2024

Resolution:
That the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Sampford Brett Parish Council held on 23rd October 2024 were approved as being a true and correct record and signed as such.

3.3 Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting - 25th November 2024

Resolution:
That the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Sampford Brett Parish Council held on 25th November 2024 were approved as being a true and correct record and signed as such.

4. ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

4.1 Page 590, Item 8.1 – Chair and Clerk have been in contact with "The Circuit" to clarify Parish Council Contact details but remains unresolved and the Defibulator removed from the public list.

Resolution:
That the Chair and Clerk to jointly contact the "The Circuit" help desk.

4.2 Page 611, Item 7.2 - The Clerk had received a response from Highways, Somerset Council following the Parish's safety concerns which arose from the A358 Surface Dressing. This informed members that it was not possible to place additional signage in the village to divert traffic but accepted that it was inappropriate to place signage which block the footpath on major roads.

4.3 Page 611, Item 9 – Overgrown Hedges Policy to be deferred to the 19 March 2025 Parish Meeting.

4.4 Page 604, Item 6.3 - Cllr Voller confirmed that The King's portrait is now displayed within the Church and thanked Martin Blazey for arranging this.

5 UPDATE ON SOMERSET WEST & TAUNTON PLANNING APPLICATIONS & APPEALS

5.1 Planning application appeal - 3/28/23/003 Demolition of Dwelling and Erection of 3 No. Dwellings with Associated Works Tremont, 33 Tower Hill, Williton, TA4 4JR (Pins Reference Number: APP/E3335/W/24/3345467) – no decision as of 11th December 2024.

5.2 3/28/24/004 - Removal of existing garage and erection of new replacement garage, Farmers Rest, Brett Close, Sampford Brett, Williton, Taunton, TA4 4JY – Conditional Approval granted 29th November 2024.

5.3 3/28/24/006 - Installation of solar panels on the roof of the outbuilding (retention of works already undertaken), Mill Cottage, Taunton Road, Sampford Brett, TA4 4LJ – no decision as of 11th December 2024.

5.4 3/28/24/008 - Demolition of 1 No. dwelling with associated outbuildings and erection of 3 No. dwellings, Tremont, 33 Tower Hill, Williton, TA4 4JR – no decision as of 11th December 2024.

5.5 T/28/24/001 - Application to carry out management works to one beech tree and one sweet chestnut tree included in West Somerset District (Sampford Brett) Tree Preservation Order T/3/66, Orchard Drive, Sampford Rocks, Sampford Brett, TA4 4JT – The Parish Council Clerk received notice of the application today (11th December 2024) and circulated it prior to the meeting. Members had no concerns relating to the information provided but noted that a letter referred to within the application form was not available on the Planning Authority's website and therefore full details of the application were not available.

Resolution:
That the Clerk to contact Somerset Planning - West Team to request that the letter is made available and when such the Clerk to circulate to Councillors.

6 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

6.1 **Traffic Speeds along Tower Hill** – Correspondence has been received from Parishioners living at Tower Hill stating their serious concerns for pedestrian safety along this specific stretch of the A358. Vehicles entering and exiting Williton are regularly observed travelling at speeds well above the statutory speed limit of 30mph.

This issue has been a very long-standing concern of Sampford Brett Parish Council but approaches to Highways and the Police in the past have not produced any action. In the last year a Speed Indicator Device (SID) has been located periodically on the A358 at Raglan's Cross, but this is owned by Williton Parish Council and is moved between various locations within their parish as well as this specific site. This Council has no control over the SID but is grateful it is deployed on Tower Hill sometimes.

Members discussed various additional signage/warnings which could possibly be put in place but concluded that the best deterrent is enforcement of the statutory speed limit by the Police. It was proposed that a strongly worded letter informing the Police of the Parish's dissatisfaction with enforcement of the speed limited is sent. Proposed by Cllr Russell and seconded by Cllr Brodick. All in agreement.

Resolution:
That the Clerk sends a strongly worded letter informing the Police of the Parish's dissatisfaction with the enforcement of the speed limit along the A358 at Tower Hill. Copies to be sent to the Highways Authority, Somerset Council Portfolio holder and the Parishioners who raised their concerns with the Parish Council.

Resolution:
That the Clerk contacts Williton Parish Council to request data obtained from the SID when located at Tower Hill.

6.2 **Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) Electoral Review** - This issue had been raised earlier in the meeting by Somerset Councillor Woods. Members felt that the on-line information provided through the publicity poster was limited and will await Cllr Woods' additional information.

Website https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/somerset

6.3 **Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) programme** - The planned roll-out of broadband in this parish under the Connecting Devon & Somerset (CDS) programme will not be going ahead CDS is engaging with government, through the Building Digital UK agency (BDUK), to discuss alternative options for providing connectivity to affected parishes.

6.4 **Revised Expression of Interest in devolution by Dorset, Somerset, and Wiltshire Councils** - committing to a Mayoral Combined Authority for the Heart of Wessex region. If the devolution proposal is approved, Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire councils will continue to exist and have the same responsibilities as they do now.

6.5 Grant received from SBAG

The Parish Council wishes to thank the Sampford Brett Activities Group (SBAG) for providing a very generous grant of £800 towards the restoration of the Telephone Kiosk.

Resolution:
That the Clerk sends a letter of thanks to the SBAG.

7 TELEPHONE KIOSK/VILLAGE LIBRARY MAINTENANCE WORK

Members discussed the three estimates which had been received for the cost of painting the Village's Telephone Kiosk.

- Estimate 1: Estimate for internal & external work including material = £1,350
- Estimate 2: Estimate for external work including material = £530.00
- Estimate 3: Estimate for internal & external work including material = £770.00

It was proposed by Cllr Swan to accept Estimate 3, seconded by Cllr Martin. All in agreement.

Resolution:
That the Clerk liaises with Estimate 3 contender to arrange dates in the new year to commence the work and sends letters of thanks the remaining suppliers for their estimates.

Resolution:
That the Clerk applies to Francis Farm to request admittance to the yard (if required), to enable access to the rear of the Telephone Kiosk during renovations.

Resolution:
That the Chair liaises with the library co-ordinator to arrange clearance of the kiosk before work begins.

8 UPDATE REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

8.1 Defibrillator (including maintenance and training) - Cllr S Miles – A list of people who wish to attend a defibrillator course has been forwarded to Cllr Miles.

8.1.1 The courses will be arranged in the New Year and open to all parishioners. Information will be posted on the Village Noticeboard and social media.

Resolution:
That the Cllr Miles arranges a training date and poster.

8.1.2 The battery and pads for the defibrillator will require replacing during 2025. The purchase of a "bleed kit" was also discussed but further information about their content and cost is required

Resolution:
That the Clerk, when appropriate, source a replacement battery and pads.

Resolution:
The Cllr Miles investigates the cost of "bleed kits".

8.2 **Footpaths and Rights of Ways - Cllr N Brodrick**

Cllr Brodrick has received notice that footpath issues reported during the year have been completed although some of the work has taken longer than in previous years. Members consider this to be incorrect as the severe erosion of footpath WL 20/17 adjacent to Aller Farm (part of the Coleridge Way) has not been addressed despite being reported over a year ago.

Resolution:
That if Members are walking the footpath, if possible, take photos and forward to Cllr Brodrick to enable the issue to be reported again.

8.2.2 Overgrown Hedges

Members raised concerns regarding the stability of the eastern boundary bank and wooden fence belonging to the Thatched Cottage. On the 8th May 2024 a letter from the Parish Council was delivered to Thatched Cottage advising the Owner/Occupier of the erosion of the bank.

Resolution:
That the Clerk sends a formal "Overgrown Hedge" letter to the Owner/Occupier of Thatched Cottage notifying them of the concern for Health & Safety.

8.3 **Liaison with Village Hall Committee - Cllr S Voller** – Cllr Voller had attended the village hall AGM meeting where the Village Hall Committee (VHC) had been elected for the year.

Resolution:
That Cllr Voller continues to work with the VHC Chair regarding the request from the Parish Council to be given the opportunity to review CIO documentation prior to the VHC formally applying to becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

8.4 **Flood Warden- Cllr B Martin** – Cllr Martin reported a very good attendance for the bi-annual meeting of the Flood Response Volunteers.

8.4.1 The SBPC Community Emergency Plan and SBPC Emergency Plan Appendix 1 Community Flood Plan have been updated Cllr Swan proposed that both documents be adopted, subject to the addition of the date of review and page numbers. Seconded by Cllr Brodrick. All in Agreement.

Resolution:
That following the "points of accuracy" amendment, the SBPC Community Emergency Plan and SBPC Emergency Plan Appendix 1 Community Flood Plan is adopted and made available on the Parish's website.

8.4.2 In view of the 4th December 2024 power outage which lasted 40 hours, Members agreed to review how prolonged power and communications outages are addressed in the Emergency Plan.

Resolution:
That Cllrs Martin and Voller review the adequacy of the Emergency Plan with respect to prolonged power and/or communications outage.

8.4.2 Members noted that the new SRA Community Flood Action Fund had opened on the 10th of December for grant applications. The grants are between £3,000 and £20,000 for small works to reduce flood risks in Somerset. The first deadline for applications is 25 February 2025. Cllr Martin informed the meeting that at this current time the Parish's resources are well stocked and felt the funding should go to those with greater need.

8.4.3 Minutes of the Flood Response Volunteers Committee (FRVC) held on the 25th November 2024. Cllr Martin presented the minutes for acceptance by Members. Proposed by Cllr Swan, seconded by Cllr Miles. All in Agreement

Resolution:
That the minutes of the Flood Response Volunteers Committee (FRVC) held on 25th November 2024 be accepted.

8.5 Local Community Network (LNC) – Cllr J Swan/Cllr T Skinner

8.5.1 Minehead and Watchet LCN meeting held on Thursday 17 October 2024 – Cllr Swan

8.5.1.1 Primary Care Network (PCN) Overview

- It has been in place for about five years, covering four GP surgeries in West Somerset to ensure equitable services across all locations.
- It runs a team of complex care nurses who provide proactive care for patients with multiple long-term conditions or those nearing the end of their life, focusing on older demographics.

- It employs health coaches to support patients with long-term conditions, offering services like weight loss clinics and low-level mental health support while patients wait for secondary care referrals.
- It has been co-located with district nurses at Williton Hospital for three months, aiming to integrate more closely with existing community services and has launched the NHS Health Check service on West Somerset.
- It is looking to expand its successful model for older people to children and young people, aiming to replicate the benefits seen in reduced admissions and improved health and well-being.

8.5.1.2 Update from Avon and Somerset Police

- **Personnel Change:** changes in the West Somerset neighbourhood policing team, include the departure of temporary Sergeant Hayden Smith, the arrival of substantive Sergeant John Emer, and the addition of beat manager Stewart Creech.
- **New Police Station**: The Minehead neighbourhood team have moved to a new police station at the old Seahorse Centre, which will also serve as a touchdown base for response officers.
- **Closure Order:** The police successfully obtained a closure order on a problematic property in Minehead, resulting in the eviction of occupants and the property being boarded up for three months, with potential for a further extension if issues are not resolved.
- **Shoplifting Operations:** Plainclothes operations have been conducted to tackle shoplifting, leading to the issuance of a Community Protection Warning and an application for a Community Protection Notice against a prolific offender.
- **Community Engagement:** Regular beat surgeries are held in Watchet Library, and the Watchet police post is reopening with new signage. PCSOs also attend talking cafes and run mini police sessions in local schools.
- **Bleed Kits:** Parish councils, businesses and schools are being invited to purchase bleed kits to be placed in prominent locations within their communities. Bleed kits are not just for knife crime.

8.5.1.3 Highways Winter Maintenance

- **Winter Maintenance:** The LCN discussed winter maintenance and the filling of grit bins, with a map available on the Council's website showing reference numbers for bins and bags.
- **Grass Cutting:** Concerns were raised about highways only cutting one swathe along hedges, causing visibility issues. The group requested highways to consider using a wider cutter.
- **Road Sweeping:** The issue of road sweeping is pending, but the group has asked for improved communication on maintenance schedules.
- **B3191 Cleeve Hill:** The group discussed the ongoing situation at Cleeve Hill on the B3191, emphasizing the need to keep neighbouring parishes informed and considering the formation of a small working group to explore alternative solutions and address wider flooding and coastal protection issues. Ways Working Group Update

8.5.1.4 Presentation from – Fodo Higginson from SALC (Health and Wellbeing Coordinator)

Fodo presented the Community Health and Well-being Programme, outlining various grant opportunities for town and parish councils to support health and well-being projects, such as allotment projects, cookery skills classes, and bike maintenance workshops.

8.5.2 Minehead and Watchet – LCN Highways Sub-Group held on Monday 2nd December 2024 – Cllr Skinner

- **Current transformation programme and proposed reductions in the Service:** Highways are undergoing a period of consultation which would result in reductions in staffing across Somerset. This would have an impact on the way work was currently delivered, and it was

likely that the LCN Highway subgroup would be adversely affected. Attendees expressed their disappointment and would write to senior managers expressing their concerns.

- **Planned Maintenance Updates:** Planned maintenance works had been delayed due to the damage and ongoing reactive call outs resulting from Storm Bert. A358 Flaxpool Hill – currently still on target to be completed during the first week of February 2025. A39 Washford Resurfacing – Tar and Chip/Spray Binder would be delivered with a rolling road closure as this is an experimental process to upgrade the integrity of the road surface. Vehicle movement over the tar and chip is an essential part of the embedding process.
- **Update on A39 Carhampton to Dunster Active Travel Route including Exmoor National Park consultation:** The Chair of the Highways Sub-Group had been invited to attend a cross LCN boundary working group online and raised concerns about the diversion of funds from the Carhampton – Dunster Active Travel route. It had been decided to use some of the Active Travel government funding of £1.5m to complete a project on the other side of Somerset. It was agreed that the design team be instructed to look at what the most cost-effective solution might be for provision of the route and report back to a future LCN meeting.
- **Active Travel – Exmoor National Park Authority:** The ENPA was keen to hear from local communities on their ideas about Active Travel. The survey had been pertinent for those parishes and residents who live outside the ENPA boundary but who travelled into it. activetravel@exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk.
- **Public Rights of Way:** Glyn Edwards from Somerset Council has taken over from Sarah Cresswell as Rights of Way warden. Email: Glyn.Edwards@Somerset.gov.uk.
- **Update on B3191 Road Closure at Cleeve Hill, Watchet:** Somerset Council have no plans to re-open the road to motorised vehicles due to the ongoing safety concerns. Road realignment plans were costly (more than £72m) and there were no identifiable funding sources available that could mitigate some of this expenditure.

9 FINANCIAL BUSINESS

9.1 Financial Reports as of 30th November 2024

INCOME		
Brought Forward	£5,150.09	*Net Banked Balance as 31st March 2024*
Precept - Received 30 April 2024	£4,100.00	*AGAR Section 2 (2) – Current Gross Income*
SBAG Donation – Kiosk Grant	800.00	
	£10,050.09	
EXPENDITURE		
Staff	£953.38	*AGAR Section 2 (4)*
Other	£1,523.29	*AGAR Section 2 (6)*
	£2,476.67	*Current Gross Expenditure*
INCOME MINUS EXPENDITURE	**£7,573.42**	*Net Banked Balance as 30th November 2024*
BANK RECONCILIATION	£7,573.42	*Actual bank balance*
Less any unpresented cheques	£0	
Less: Petty cash float (if applicable)	£0	
Add: any un-banked cash	£0	
Net Banked Balance	**£7,573.42**	*AGAR Section 2 (8)*

9.2 Expenditure Category Breakdown as of 30th November 2024

Category	Actual	Budget	Remaining	Comments
Emergency Provision	£24.99	£500.00	£475.01	*Upgrade/replacement of emergency provisions*
Grants	£185.00	£250.00	£65.00	*Flood group website; churchyard; BickWatch*
Hall Hire	£85.00	£100.00	£15.00	
Insurance	£435.82	£400.00	-£35.82	
Internal Audit	£35.00	£35.00	£0.00	
Maintenance of Assets	£0.00	£150.00	£150.00	*Provision for Repairs*
Membership	£95.08	£95.00	-£0.08	*SALC & NALC Membership*
Office Equipment/Stationery	£0.00	£50.00	£50.00	
Service Agreements	£662.40	£700.00	£37.60	*Website & Dog Waste Bin*
Staff Wages	£953.38	£2,838.00	£1,884.62	*Pro-rata of 4hrs per week (Scale 9)*
Training	£0.00	£120.00	£120.00	*Councillors & Clerk - average £30/40 each*
TOTAL	**£2,476.67**	**£5,238.00**	**£2,761.33**	

9.3 NJC Salary Award Scale 9 - Formal approval of salary award and if approved, the increase backdated to April 1st, 2024

Resolution:
That Members approved the NJC salary award scale 9, and the increase backdated to April 1st, 2024.

9.3.1 Cllr Swan proposed that the as from the 1st January 2025 the salary grade for the Clerk was increased to Scale 10, seconded by Cllr Skinner. All in favour.

9.4 Schedule of Payments 30th November 2024

PO No.	Invoice No.	Payee	Description of Goods	Total	Cheque FPO	Action Required	Initial
PO24005	10923386	Idverde Limited	Renewal of Service Level Agreement - Dog Waste Bin 2024-2025	**£299.52**	FPO	*Ratify Payment*	*JS & NB*
PO24006	1094	Sampford Brett Village Hall	Hire of Village Hall for Parish Council Meetings 2024-2025	**£20.00**	FPO	*Ratify Payment*	*JS & NB*
PO24012	1105	Sampford Brett Village Hall	Hire of Village Hall for Parish Council Meetings 2024-2025	**£15.00**	FPO	*Ratify Payment*	*JS & NB*
PO24014	1117	Sampford Brett Village Hall	Hire of Village Hall for Parish Council Meetings 2024-2025	**£30.00**	FPO	*Authorisation of Payment*	*JS & NB*
PO24015	Wages	Mrs T-A Biss	Clerk's Wages Jul-Sep 2024	**£646.47**	Cheque	*Authorisation of Payment*	*JS & NB*
PO24016	Wages	Mrs T-A Biss	Clerk's Wages Apr-Sep 2024	**£62.69**	Cheque	*Authorisation of Payment*	*JS & NB*
PO24018	1367	SALC	Clerks Training	**£35.00**	FPO	*Authorisation of Payment*	*JS & NB*
			Total:	**£1,108.68**			

Resolution:
That Members agreed the Schedule of Payment dated 30th November 2024.

10 Approval of 2025/2026 Budget

Following discussion, the 2025/2026 Budget was approved and an increase in the Parish precept from £4,100 to £4,500, proposed by Cllr Swan and seconded by Cllr Brodrick. All in agreement.

Resolution:
That the 2025/2026 Budget is approved - Refer to Appendix A

Resolution:
That the Parish precept is increased from £4,100 to £4,500.

11 Authorisation of Precept Demand Form 2025/26

Resolution:
That the Parish precept for 2025/2026 is set at £4,500 and the "Authorisation of Precept Demand Form 2025/26" is completed and returned to Somerset Council.

12 NEXT PARISH MEETING – 19th March 2025

Agenda to include:

- 2025/26 Meeting Dates
- Overgrown Hedges Policy
- CIO Village Hall Update

Chairman's Signature: DJ Swan Date: 19 March 2025

Sampford Brett Parish Council
Budget 2025-2026

INCOME 2024-2025				PREDICTED EXPENDITURE 2024-2025			
Brought Forward	£	5,150.09	Net Banked Balance as 31 March 2024	Staff	£	2,374.42	*AGAR Section 2 (4)*
Precept - 30 April 2024	£	4,100.00	AGAR Section 2 (2)	Other	£	1,628.29	*AGAR Section 2 (6)*
SBAG Donation - Kiosk Grant	£	800.00	AGAR Section 2 (2)		**£**	**4,002.71**	
	£	**10,050.09**					
Predicted End of Year Funds 2024-2025	**£**	**6,047.38**	*(Income - Expenditure)*				

CATEGORY BREAKDOWN	Actual to date 13 December 2024	Remaining Budget	Predicted Spend as of 31 March 2025	Budget 2024-2025	Budget 2025-2026		Comment
Emergency Provision	£ 24.99	£ 475.01	£ 24.99	£ 500.00	**£ 500.00**	=	*Defibulator Pad/Batteries required 2025*
Grants	£ 185.00	£ 65.00	£ 185.00	£ 250.00	**£ 250.00**	=	
Hall Hire	£ 115.00	-£ 15.00	£ 155.00	£ 100.00	**£ 150.00**	>	*General increase*
Insurance	£ 435.82	-£ 35.82	£ 435.82	£ 400.00	**£ 450.00**	>	*General increase*
Internal Audit	£ 35.00	£ -	£ 35.00	£ 35.00	**£ 35.00**	=	
Maintenance of Assets	£ -	£ 150.00	£ -	£ 150.00	**£ 150.00**	=	*Provision for repairs*
Membership	£ 95.08	-£ 0.08	£ 95.08	£ 95.00	**£ 100.00**	>	*SALC & NALC Membership*
Office Equipment/Stationery	£ -	£ 50.00	£ -	£ 50.00	**£ 50.00**	=	
Service Agreements	£ 662.40	£ 37.60	£ 662.40	£ 700.00	**£ 700.00**	=	
Staff Wages	£ 1,662.54	£ 1,175.47	£ 2,374.42	£ 2,838.00	**£ 2,998.00**	>	*208hrs plus % to cover NJC Salary Award Apr 25*
Training	£ 35.00	£ 85.00	£ 35.00	£ 120.00	**£ 120.00**	=	
Bank charges	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	**£ 120.00**	>	*New charges*
Transfer to GOV.UK email/website	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	**£ 300.00**	>	*Transfer to gov.uk*
Telephone Kiosk Maintenance	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	**£ 1,000.00**	>	*includes £800 SBAG grant & £150 - 2024-25 underspend*
Total	**£ 3,250.83**	**£ 1,987.18**	**£ 4,002.71**	**£ 5,238.00**	**£ 6,923.00**		
			*Predicted Variant underspend from 2024-2025 Budget**	*£ 1,235.29*			

PREDICITED INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2025-2026		
Predicted to Bring Fwd	£	6,047.38
Proposed Precept	£	4,500.00
Proposed 2025-2026 Budget	-£	6,923.00
Predicted Remaining funds for 2025-2026	**£**	**3,624.38**

PRECEPT INFORMATION	2024-2025	2025-2026	Difference
Tax Base	£ 151.75	£ 155.41	£3.66 (2.41%)
Precept	£ 4,100.00	£ 4,500.00	£400.00 (9.76%)
Band D Precept	£ 27.02	£ 28.96	£1.94 (7.18%)

***NOTE:**
The underspend for the current year is predicted to be £1,235.
This majority of this can be attributed to:
- The change of Clerk, resulting in additional wages paid out in 2023-2024 rather than distributed to 2024-2025 (£463)
- Limited use of the emergency provision fund (£475)
- Limited use of the maintenance budget (£150 but allocated for Kiosk maintance 2025-2026)

Total £1,088

Additions to the 2025-2026 budget:
- Bank charges from Lloyds (Rounded to £10 per month)
- Transfer to .gov.uk website and emails (Website £99+VAT per annum and £2 per month per email)
- Telephone Kiosk Maintenance (1k including £800 donation from SBAG and £150 from 2024-2025 maintenance budget)

Initialled by: DJS