

Gargrave Parish Council

**Finance Meeting held on Tuesday 26th November 2024
at 6.30 pm in the Match Room, Village Hall, Gargrave**

Present: Cllrs, Martin Banks (MB), Chris Hoskin (CH), Claire Cadman (CC) and Gregory L Butt (GLB)

1. Acknowledge those present:

GLB welcomed those present to the Finance meeting. No members of the public attended.

2. Receive Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Cllr. David Shuttleworth – Family issue
Cllr. Karen Hunter – Unavailable prior commitment
Cllr. Derek Steele – Family issue
Cllr. Alan Sutcliffe – accident recovery

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the 12th December 2023 as a true and accurate record.

Proposed by GLB, seconded by MB, all in favour and accepted unanimously.

4. Community Infrastructure Levy

MB provided the meeting with a printed statement of the current state of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies. It is not planned to use any more of the remaining CIL funds of £6,634 on new equipment for the playground but we can use it on other projects which affect any of our greens within the village.

5. GWWG (Gargrave Wilding Working Group) Funds:

The GWWG have spent their initial grant of £600 pounds from NYC on new mower and strimmer equipment. They also spent a further £85 on additional garden plants and bulbs mainly for the planters at either end of the village.

The PC agreed to allocate £200 in the 2025 – 2026 budget for spending on any further items which could be required.

5 TGR update on costs.

We have permission from NYC to put the remaining £6,623 of CIL funds towards the £15,000 cost of the installation of Birdsmouth wooden rail fencing round the South Street triangle.

The remaining cost of the fences will be paid for by a grant of £4,500 from Councillor Myers Locality Grant funds in financial year 2024 - 2025 and hopefully a further grant in the year 2025 – 2026.

6. Draft Budget Review

MB talked the Cllrs through the draft budget which included 2024 year to date expenditure and forward projection of the 2025 – 2026 full year expenditure. There were some suggestions for a 5% increase on certain elements of the budget.

This draft budget includes a potential cost of £6,000 per year for replacement of the gabions which fell into the river last week. This potential cost is based on a similar cost of £75,000 for the work done for the river wall using the current rate of 5% for loans for similar projects.

Details for more accurate estimates, actual costs and installation timetable are yet to be determined.

7. Suggestions for new additions to the budget

There were no further suggestions for additional projects to be included.

8. Precept Setting

The precept is calculated by the NYC supplied precept calculator and several examples of varying amounts were provided for consideration using the default “D” band amount.

After some discussion the councillors agreed to increase the precept of **£50,000 to £54,000 which is an increase of £5.80%.**

The meeting closed at 20:30pm.

Martin Banks
Acting Proper Officer.