

**BURES HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 30th March 2026
FINANCIAL REPORT**

Balance as at 30 th March 2026	15,004.83
Includes	
Retention Fund	5,000.00
Street Lighting reserve	2,000.00
Grants unspent	1,615.03

Parish precept to Braintree District Council for financial year 2026/27: £35,317

An increase of £2,500 – agreed to ease change over to Devolution and to cover the Cemetery Authority shortfall.

Parish Element of Band D Tax Rate 2026/27 £102.78 (2025/26: £98.04)

Allocation of Parish Budget:	2025/26	2026/27
Cemetery Authority	£5,500	£6,500
Sportsground	£7,500	£7,500
Clerk's salary	£8,650	£8,800
Lighting	£500	£750
Insurance	£660	£500
Training	£500	£500
Hall hire	£200	£200
Auditors	£550	£450
Administration	£1,250	£1,200
Subscriptions	£500	£525
Elections	£1,000	£1,000
Donations/parish items S137	£500	£500
Repairs	£500	£500
Projects	£2,000	£2,000
Grounds Maintenance	£6,000	£6,000
Gritting/flooding	£500	£500
Jubilee Grove maintenance	£1,000	£1,500

The parish council received a BDC Street Cleansing grant £908.15, an Eastlight Community Housing grant £743.68 and ECC Rights of Way grant £435.73. These grants offset ground maintenance costs met by the parish council.

The Christmas Lights fund is held in Bures St Mary Parish Council accounts and currently stands at £1,704.23 when VAT claim received.

Administration figure includes changeover of HMRC finances from Clerk to outsourced, use of Dropbox for security of files, IT, website, data protection, stationery and bank charges.

£2,000 has been earmarked in 2025/26 for future lighting improvements at Parsonage Hill.

The Bures NHP fund is held in the Bures Hamlet Parish Council accounts. A preliminary grant of £3,942 was received during 2021/22. A further grant of £3,695 received in July 2022. A third and final grant of £10,000 received in 2023/24. All monies have now been spent.

Bures Hamlet Parish Council has received several grants this year for various projects. £700 for the Jubilee Grove clay pond from the District Councillor Award fund, £950 for the continuing work on the Station Hill garden, £5,600 from BDC and £1,000 from Bures Common Land Trust for the installation of grid paths at Jubilee Grove.

The parish council also has a S137 budget to meet costs for parish projects or donations. It has used this budget for £50 towards the bleed kit demonstration event and £200 towards printing costs of the parish magazine. The parish council is also currently allocating further S137 funds towards the costs of Postmaster Robert Harrod's retirement do on the 31st of this month.