

**BURES HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 24th March 2025**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as at 24 th March 2025	13,441.64
Includes	
Retention Fund	5,000.00
NHP final balance	0.00

Parish precept to Braintree District Council for financial year 2025/26: £32,817.00

Remains the same as previous financial year.

Parish Element of Band D Tax Rate (2024/25: £98.21) 2025/26: £98.04

Allocation of Parish Budget:

	2024/25	2025/26
Cemetery Authority	£5,500	£5,500
Sportsground	£8,000	£8,000
Clerk's salary	£7,800	£8,650
Lighting	£500	£500
Insurance	£660	£600
Training	£500	£500
Hall hire	£175	£200
Auditors	£450	£550
Administration	£1,000	£1,250
Subscriptions	£500	£500
Elections	£1,000	£1,000
Donations/parish items	£500	£500
Repairs	£500	£500
Projects	£1,500	£2,000
Grounds Maintenance	£5,000	£6,000
Gritting/flooding	£500	£500
Jubilee Grove maintenance	£1,000	£1,000

The parish council receives a BDC Street Cleansing grant £881.70 ,an Eastlight Community Housing grant £690.26 and ECC Rights of Way grant £435.73. These grants are to 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 £840.06 when VAT claim received.

Administration figure includes changeover of HMRC finances from Clerk to Out sourced plus use of Dropbox for security of files.

£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.

£5,000 grant from the BDC Community Garden Fund received to cover further improvements to the Station Hill garden project. All monies have been spent with a grant end date 31st March 2025.

Thank you for the donations received from residents to sponsor the upkeep of the garden for the coming year.