

**BURES HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 18th MARCH 2019**

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance as at 18th March 2019

Business Saver A/C balance: £10,636.29

Community A/C balance: £ 4,202.93

Parish precept to Braintree District Council for financial year 2019/20: £28,817.00

An increase of £1,925 on previous year to compensate on reduction of the Localism Grant which has now been phased out from BDC.

Additional one-off payment: BDC have agreed to make a one-off additional payment to parish and town councils again in 2019/20. The payment is an allocation of the estimated surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund as at 31st March 2019.

Bures Hamlet Parish Council is allocated to receive £274.00.

Parish Element of Band D Tax Rate 2019/20: £88.47 (2018/19: £83.76)

Allocation of Parish Budget:

Cemetery Authority	£6,500 (an increase of £1,000 on previous year for pending tree works and new pathways)
Bures Community Centre	£200 (telephone line rental)
Sportsground	£9,000 (an increase of £500 on previous year)
Clerk's salary	£5,725
Lighting	£500
Insurance	£550
Training	£500
Hall hire	£300
Auditors	£300
Administration	£550
Subscriptions	£500
Elections	£1,000
Data Protection	£1,000
Donations/parish items	£500
Repairs/projects	£1,000
Grounds Maintenance	£5,500
Gritting/flooding	£500
Christmas lights	£500

Earmarked Funds Minimum Retention funds £6,250

We also receive a BDC Street Cleansing grant £827.64 (2018/19) and a Greenfields Housing Maintenance grant £259.49 (2018/19) to offset costs paid for by the parish council.

Grants for 2019/20: £844.49 and £370.06.

New Government Data Protection legislation was introduced last May. The Parish Council has allocated £1,000 in its budget in line with EALC recommendations.