

**BURES HAMLET PARISH COUNCIL  
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 21<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2016**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Business Saver A/C balance:       £14,933.22**  
**Community A/C balance:         £ 3,055.20**

**Parish precept to Braintree District Council for financial year 2016/2017: £25,044**

Parish Council Budget:       £27,817 as per previous year but precept to BDC increased by £537 being the shortfall on the Localism Fund receivable from BDC thus representing 1.11% increase on the parish element for 2016/2017.

Localism Grant:               £2,773 grant for 2016/17 additional to the Parish Precept

Additional one-off payment: BDC have agreed to make a one-off additional payment to parish and town councils in 2016/17. The payment is an allocation of the estimated surplus on the Council Tax Collection Fund as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016. Bures Hamlet Parish Council is allocated to receive £292.

Parish Element of Band D Tax Rate 2016/17: £79.08       (2015/16 £78.21)

**Allocation of Parish Budget:**

Cemetery Authority	£3500 (as per previous year)
Bures Community Centre	£200 (telephone rental)
Sportsground	£8,000 (as per previous year)
Lighting	£2500 (to consider purchasing a lamp pole to replace low level bollard along footpath)
Insurance	£525
Training	£300
Hall hire	£225
Auditors	£300
Administration	£450
Subscriptions	£475
Clerk's salary	£4325
Donations/parish items	£500
Repairs/projects	£2500
Grounds Maintenance	£3500
Gritting/flooding	£500

Earmarked Funds	Minimum Retention funds £6,250
	Elections/Referendum £1,000
	Neighbourhood Plan £1,000
	Xmas lighting £100
	New bus shelter project £2,000

We also receive a BDC Street Cleansing grant £778.26 (2015/16) and a Greenfields Housing Maintenance grant £259.49 (2015/16) to offset costs paid for by the parish council. These will be similar amounts for 2016/17.

