



FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 5TH MAY 2026

CHAIR'S REPORT





FINANCIAL YEAR 01 APRIL
2025 TO 31 MARCH 2026

A SUMMARY

BUDGET

**01 APRIL 2025
- 31 MARCH 2026**

Income Total £13,689.51

£12,075 Precept

The precept is a tax that the Parish Council charge their local electors to meet their budget requirements

£1357.08 CIL Payment

£117.15 Bank Interest

£140.28 VAT reclaim

Expenditure Total £10,261.48

Spend from Reserves £650.

ALLOCATED RESERVES

01 APRIL 2025 - 31 MARCH 2026



Firle Parish Council maintains a reserve fund of which £8.5k was allocated to current and future projects.

Repairs to assets inc. bus shelters, playing fields

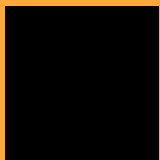
Community Celebrations (i.e. contribution to fireworks)

Parish Council election costs

Potential improvement projects – footpath, electricity to playing fields



Reserves are also maintained unallocated to projects but as general reserves.



£650 was spent from reserves in 2025-2026 on Firework displays – VJ Day celebrations and maroon provision

GRANTS/S237 AWARDED

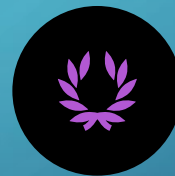
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Action Against Abuse
£100



Firle Village Hall
Improvements £700



Poppy Wreath donation
£75
Christmas Hamper £100

VILLAGE HALL DONATIONS



£700 awarded by Firle Parish Council to Firle Village Hall -



Heating upgrade
Kitchen hot water upgrade
Storage

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS OF FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL 2025 TO 2026

Further Assets of Community Value have been successfully nominated to LDC: Firle Allotments.

Potholes and drain problems have been continuously reported with more being fixed.

The Street was swept of leaves which was arranged and co-ordinated by Firle Parish Council.

FPC responded to the Lewes District Local Plan Consultation.

FPC participated in the Millennium Woods tidy and funded the hire of a brush cutter.

FPC facilitated a Q&A session with James MacCleary MP.

The flint wall at the war memorial was repaired.

Vanessa Rowlands, Chair SDNP, attended a Firle Parish Council meeting and spoke of plans for the park and heard of issues within Firle.

The Council investigated concerns regarding the spreading of bio-solids on farmland.

Placed dog fouling warning signs and road safety notices in the village.

Workshops and consultation meetings attended:

- SDNPA Parish Meeting
- Lewes District Local Plan consultation events
- Local Government Re-organisation

Fly Tipping has been reported and is being monitored.

All planning applications and tree works applications received have been discussed and responded to by Firle Parish Council.

FIRLE PARISH COUNCIL CHANGES

Councillor Natasha Bolger resigned from her role as Council Member due to her work commitments.



James Paul was co-opted as a new Council Member.



All 5 seats remain filled

Income

£12,958

Precept £12,678

VAT return £180

Interest £100

expenditure

£12,777.50

Key Areas of Spend

Clerk and Cllr costs (salary and training)

Administration costs (insurance, website, audit)

Rent and hire costs (village hall, playing fields)

Maintenance (notice boards, litter bins)

Grants and donations

Memberships and subscriptions

**BUDGET
01 APRIL
2026
TO
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2027**

PROJECTS WITH ALLOCATED RESERVES

01 APRIL 2026 TO 31 MARCH 2027



Asset Repairs



Provision for a
new bus shelter



Firework
provision



Electricity to
the park