

Hello everyone,

### **Budgeting**

As we have now moved into the new financial year, we have set the budget for 2025/6. The income we receive, via a small proportion of council tax covers the running of PC assets and responsibilities which include the maintenance of the Old School Hall, the Pavilion, the public toilets, the Clock Tower and War Memorial as well as the cutting of all the parish grass and hedges throughout the village to name but a few. We have been very diligent in applying for grants during the past year in order to stretch the budget further. These grants have enabled us to update existing provisions as well as providing new facilities - these include:

The Old Orchard children's' play area

Replacing all 6 defibrillators

Resurfacing of the car park at the recreation ground

New water heater for the Old School Hall

LED strip lighting + the addition of ambient lighting in the Old School Hall

A fire proof filing cabinet for storage of archive material

The outdoor adult gym equipment and rig at the recreation ground

### **Ideas for the future**

#### **What would you like to see?**

Having fulfilled some of the suggestions that came forward from the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan, we are now looking further ahead to gather more ideas of facilities that you would like to see in the village e.g. upgrading the audio visual equipment and the acoustics in the Old School Hall and upgrading the childrens' play area at the recreation ground. I have to stress that any new facilities or upgrading of existing ones, would be dependent on future grant funding and village interest. So if you've got a great idea, please let me know either by email or come along to the Annual Parish Meeting.

### **Annual Parish Meeting - Tuesday 24th June at 7.00pm**

Come along to the Old School Hall and meet the councillors and the Clerk at the Annual Parish Meeting. Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting. As well as my Chair's report, there will be speakers including village resident Jason Reeves, who created Embers Woodcraft.

### **Parish Council meeting**

The next monthly PC meeting is on Tuesday 10th May, 7pm in the Old School Hall. The agenda will be published the week before and will be available on the Parish Council website and on the notice boards. The meetings are open to the public, so please come along. The PC website is <https://sandhurstparish.co.uk>

The Parish Council office is open on a Thursday 10am - 12pm (except 1st May - Polling day) and the Clerk can be contacted on [sandparishclerk@outlook.com](mailto:sandparishclerk@outlook.com)

As always, thanks for reading and if you have any comments on anything in this newsletter or indeed if you have any ideas you would like the council to consider please do email me.

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