

Western Valley

Annual Meeting of the Parish 2025

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Parish Council

Our 2024-2025 year has seen us gift many grants and the installation of our parish noticeboard outside the District Centre. We have also given many, many suggested street names to Vale of White Horse DC, for the ever growing Vally Park

Our electorate has grown from 1501 to 1605 this year, due to the ongoing building on the Valley Park development. We predict this number may be higher though, as it is subject to people taking the time to register to vote. Our number of electors affects the total amount of grants we can award each year, so we monitor the total number of electors closely.

As a Council we continue to build up reserves and work on in parish projects such as:

- Public Transport
- Anti-social parking
- Speeding
- Allotments
- Burial Ground / Cemetery
- Parish Office

Some of these items are long term projects, but we always appreciate hearing your views and thoughts or suggestions of future projects.

Our noticeboard outside the District Centre is the official way we communicate with our parish, and we hope to have another noticeboard in the future outside whatever similar community centre is built in Valley Park. Parish Councils were created in 1895, far before computers and the internet, so the legislation around communicating with the parish can seem quite outdated and archaic. We do use our website and Facebook for communicating statutory and other notices., but we are pleased to finally have an external noticeboard in the parish.

The Parish Council is asked for suggested street names for every new development. If you have any suggested themes for street names, we would be grateful to hear them. So far we have used names of Valleys and Archaeological terms. Suggested names can't include the name of people; be similar to other names in the Thames Valley or repeated.

We are now half way through the first electoral term of our new Council. Our main activities so far are responding to planning consultations and similar, local to us, and awarding grants to local groups and charities. As Valley Park continues to grow, it is likely we will ask Vale to consider increasing our number of Councillors at the next election. We would be pleased to hear from anyone who would like to know more about what being a Parish Councillor involves. Elected or co-opted members all volunteer their time and all have what is best for the whole community at the forefront of their mind when making decisions as part of the Council. At times it can be a very difficult job, but it can be rewarding when significant change is effected and it improves the lives of our parishioners.

Cllr Simon Peacock
Chair of the Council

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Financial Summary

The following table details the final end of your accounts by budget code for the most recently completed Financial Year: 2024-2025, compared to the previous year, 2023-2024 .

INCOME

		2023-2024	2024-2025
1000	General Income		
1010	Precept	50188	50188
1020	Grants	22000	
1030	Community Infrastructure Levy		
1040	Allotment Fees		
1050	Grass Cutting Contribution		
1060	Interest	293.34	1954.19
1070	VAT Refunds		
Total	All Receipts	72981.34	52142.19

EXPENDITURE

		2023-2024	2024-2025
3000	Administration		
1020	Grants	500	
3010	Audit Costs		695.00
3020	Bank Charges	30.52	71.40
3030	Chairman's Allowance		
3040	Elections	400.00	
3050	Expenses - WFH	208.00	312.00
3060	Expenses - Stationery	425.24	8.00
3070	Hall Hire	1033.25	861.48
3080	Insurance	319.82	319.82
3090	IT Support & Software	729.10	531.60
3100	Office Equipment	1306.48	479394
3110	Staff Costs (All Staff & HMRC)	3840.19	3521.90
3120	Subscriptions (OALC, SLCC)	1167.70	835.14
3030	Training	849.00	185.60
3040	Website	630.93	219.88
Total	Administration	11440.23	8041.76
5000	Other Projects & Grants		
5010	Grants (Including s137)	50	11934.00
5020	In year projects, undefined	23.67	1506.67
Total	Other Projects & Grants	73.67	13440.67
Total	All Payments	11513.90	21482.43

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	2023-2024	2024-2025
EARMARKED RESERVES		
Operating Reserve	25000	13000
S106 from Harwell	407	407
Community Infrastructure Levy		
New Allotments Project	11502.24	21239.01
Training	3000	6000
Parish Office - Project	10000	25000
Burial Ground - Project	10000	25000
Noticeboard	1558.20	
TOTAL RESERVES	61467.44	90646.01

Laura White
Responsible Financial Officer