



GRENDON UNDERWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING

Monday 6th January 2025 at 18.00

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E. Maker Parish Clerk

1. Councillors Present: Cllrs Moloney (Chair), Cllr Scanlon, Cllr Benfield, Cllr Maker.
Cllr Jackman
2. No public attended.
3. Apologies received from Cllr Fealey
4. Declaration of interest: Cllr Benfield re village grass cutting.
5. The 2024-2025 budget and precept were considered.

The RFO tabled a draft budget, and members contributed to finalising a budget as the basis for the coming year. It was agreed that the precept would remain the same, with **no increase** to the residents of Grendon Underwood for 2025-2026. The councillors were in agreement with the chair who stressed not to increase the precept, but keep costs down, as many families are struggling with finances.

We have come in on budget and with help from councillors and other volunteers helping out in the community we will envisage being able to maintain the current precept sum of £20,851. Given the current economic climate this was welcomed by all.

The precept application for 2025-26 will be £20,851.

5.1 Council agreed

- to organise a spring clean of the MUGA & Toddler Playground. This will require power washing. All councillors present offered to help.
- that the VAT rebates to be earmarked for the playground improvements
- to earmark money for the forthcoming election. Money will be set aside each year in future to cover these additional expenses.

The precept application for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2026 will be £20,851.

6. Other budget matters arising:
 - The Community Bingo evening raised in excess of £200 which has been donated towards the playground improvements. **Action** Clerk to write a letter of thanks.
7. Meeting closed at 19.00.
8. Date of next meeting: Grendon Underwood Parish Council General Meeting 28th January 2025, at 19.45 pm in the Village Hall.