

# Charlton on Otmoor Parish Council

## Financial Report 2025/2026

Our current financial position for 2025/2026 is as follows:

Our receipts are running at £14,399. This is expected to rise this month from allotment rents. We are no longer in receipt of funds from the Adopt a Site, as glass bottles and cans can be put in the blue boxes for roadside collection.

Our expenditure to date is £19,468.70, which is likely to increase due to the payments at tonight's meeting and the purchase of a new defibrillator for the playing field, although this will only be the VAT, as we have received a grant from the County Councillors' Priority Fund of £1194.17.

Our NatWest current account as of today's date is £5156.93.

Our NatWest bank account has incurred £13.65 in bank charges this financial year.

For the following financial year 2026/2027, we have increased the precept from £11,000 to £13,000 for the reason that the Parish Council are looking to install Solar Speed awareness signs with a view to obtaining a grant to help with the cost. We are also in the process of renewing the Football Club's lease of the Pavilion/football field. We have received two quotes, ranging from £1990 to £2450 + VAT.

The Council should be holding between 3-12 months of expenditure, with nearer to 12 months of expenditure being considered acceptable for a small council to hold in its general reserves. The reason for this is to ensure the Council has adequate funds to deal with any unforeseen problems, for example, paying for a locum clerk in case the clerk goes off sick for a long period of time, paying for any uninsured losses in the event of a problem with a building, burial ground, allotment or to deal with anything else unexpected.

Maintenance of the new burial ground so far is £565.00, a third paid by Fencott & Murcott Parish Council. We have also installed a new gravel path for £1759.90 (inc VAT).

This financial year, we have purchased a new notice board for £2835.19 (inc VAT). We also received a grant last financial year to install concrete pads at the bus stops of £1288.25, which were installed last year. The playing field maintenance was £1505. We had fewer cuts last year due to the dry season. This is expected to rise next year as the cost of each cut increases.

The clerk's salary has increased this year in line with NALC approval; the home allowance of £321.00 stays the same.

We continue to pay for:-

- The dog bins to be emptied, so far this year the cost has been £265.33.
- Garden Waste (grass cuttings) on The Green - £59.00, an increase of £10.00
- Membership to Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils and Society of Local Council Clerks combined is £308.00 (inc VAT).
- Website charges will be £108.00 (inc VAT).

S Hatwell - Clerk/RFO  
19<sup>th</sup> March 2026.