

## **Clerk's report**

February 2024.

### **Precept**

The precept request of £10,000 for 2024/5 has been formally approved. £5,000 will be received in April and again in October 2024.

### **CIL**

I have confirmed with SALC that we can retain CIL funds for up to 5 years. I have transferred the grant into a dedicated existing savings account.

### **Playground**

The annual inspection has been completed in January 2024. I am chasing the report. I have requested that the report suggests appropriate repairs to the equipment and approved repairers. Suffolk have indicated reports will be available soon.

### **Allotments**

UK Power networks cheque for £140 banked.  
I have requested online banking for the allotment account. As the account requires only one signatory this has no impact on security of funds in the Allotment accounts.

Signatories to the account are:

Richard Edmondson  
Janet Elnaugh  
Paul Selvey  
Michael Walton  
Daphne Youngs

I propose to stand down Edmondson, Elnaugh and Selvey.

Two lots have been surrendered, Messrs Edmondson and Rose will return their plots in March 2024.

### **Village website hosting costs**

Lynne Woodward has requested guidance on how to manage the hosting costs in light of her leaving the village in early 2024.

"For many years, the '[Drinkstonevillage.co.uk](http://Drinkstonevillage.co.uk)' domain name cost and webhosting costs have been charged to Lynne Woodward. The charge is made every two years. Sheila Beswick collects the share of the cost from participating groups - PC, PCC, VH, Educational Charity and at the

moment History group. The hosting charge is around £108 every two years so £54 pa. Keeping our domain name - [drinkstonevillage.co.uk](http://drinkstonevillage.co.uk) costs £29 every two years, so say £15 pa.

Tony Schmitt has offered to control these accounts in the future.

### **Suggested dates for the PCC meetings 2024/5**

All meetings scheduled for 1st Monday of the month except May 14th – May 6th is May Bank Holiday

May 13th, 2024  
June 3rd, 2024, plus Annual Parish meeting  
July 1st, 2024  
August 5th, 2024  
October 7th, 2024  
December 2nd, 2023  
February 3rd, 2025  
March 3rd, 2025

### **ICO registration.**

Drinkstone Parish Council re-registered in January 2024.  
Certificate attached in supporting documents.

### **Current bank balances:**

|                       | £         |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Current account       | 20,970.32 |
| Savings account (CIL) | 11,807.45 |
| Total                 | 32,777.77 |

Michael Walton  
Drinkstone Parish Clerk and RFO  
31<sup>st</sup> January 2024