

PC Finance Report – Leavenheath

Funds

As of 31st March 2026

£5,148.54 Current ACC

£30,300.37 Deposit ACC

£35,448.91 Total

Additionally, £1607.55 VAT was recoverable making total funds of around £37.5K.

Earmarked Reserves

Of the £37.5K funds, £25,000 is Earmarked.

Village Green

The most notable achievement at the Village Green last year was the new playground installed just ahead of the Fete. This was achieved by hard-working volunteers with the help of substantial grants. This cost just over £120K for the playground itself net of VAT.

CIL Funds

No new funds were received from the Community Infrastructure Levy CIL over the past year. This is a charge levied on new development which needs to be invested on local infrastructure within 5 years. The PC's remaining CIL funds of just over £12K was paid towards the new playground.

Leavenheath Events

The success of the Events Committee has led to independent management. The PC provided a start-up grant of around £5.5K in March this year to the newly formed Leavenheath Events CIC. We wish them every success going forward.

Precept Calculation

In January, the PC agreed to increase the Precept by 5% for the 26-27 yr. This was to try to account for inflation and avoid leaving the village short of necessary funding for current standards. It can be observed that along with many other things, the maintenance of roads, paths, vegetation, sweeping, litter collection and policing are the responsibility of other authorities. The PC does it's best to report concerns and encourage resolution whilst recognising the lack of available funds. Working Groups were organised during the past year to clear some of the A134 pavement and a spring litter-pick. This was made possible thanks to hard-working councillors and volunteers.

Conclusion

This PC continues to maintain healthy reserves and support to village projects. We continue to support the Village Green Charity with ongoing maintenance. We are audited annually, and financial decisions are made at PC Meetings held in public and full details can be found on our website.

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